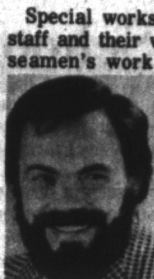


## Stress Management Will Be Taught Church Staffs



Special workshops for all church staff and their wives, plus a tour of seamen's work on the Mississippi coast and a watermelon cutting are among the attractions of the Pastor/Staff Conference at Gulfshore, July 7-9.

Carl Nelson, pastor of Pelahatchie Baptist Church, will lead sessions with pastors, ministers of education and youth. His wife, Martha, will confer with wives of staff members.

Linda Jenkins, of First Church, Yazoo City, will lead the secretaries sessions. And Marvin Myers of the Sunday School Board will lead the church hostesses in conferences.

A special Stress Management Session for ministers and their wives will be led by the Robert Pearces. He is associate chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

Also, Bobbie Jean Hazlewood, an approved worker in kindergarten-day care, will lead sessions for those in her special field.

Phil McCarty, of the Mississippi College faculty, will lead in worship and Bill Clark, a public relations consultant, will lead the music.

Provisions for pre-schoolers, children and youths are being coordinated by Mrs. Jim Keith of Gulfport.

Children stay with parents at a reduced rate. Parents staying in "C" Units may have their children occupy the same room for \$1.25 per day plus cost of meals.



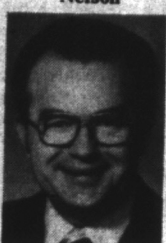
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Registration begins at 11 a.m., July 7. The conference closes July 9 at 11 a.m.

For more program information, contact Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 354-3704.

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## Religious Leaders Join Fray Over School Prayer

the issue to the floor for an up-or-down vote.

The more than 30 groups opposing an effort by U.S. Rep. Philip M. Crane, R-Ill., to force a vote on the volatile matter include the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Armed with a fresh statement

adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent annual meeting in St. Louis, Porter W. Routh, interim executive director of the Washington-based Baptist agency, joined spokesmen from seven other groups at a news conference urging defeat of the Crane-led move.

The fight in the House of Representatives has heated up in recent weeks after a massive letter-writing campaign was launched by supporters of the Crane measure, primarily prominent religious broadcasters.

The U.S. Senate passed a bill in April 1979, calling for the removal of the prayer in schools issue from the jurisdiction of all federal courts, including the Supreme Court. Senator Jesse Helms, R-N.C., himself a Southern Baptist, led the Senate effort.

### Identical Language

Crane then introduced identical language in the House. Like Helms, Crane is one of the most conservative members of Congress.

In the House, the Judiciary Committee has refused to schedule hearings on the proposal. Fearing the measure might die, Crane asked members of the House to sign a "discharge petition" to circumvent the committee's inaction by bringing the bill to the floor for a yes-or-no vote.

The discharge petition device requires that a simple majority of 218 sign to force the vote. Under severe pressure in recent weeks, many members have signed, bringing the latest confirmed total to 169, or 49 short of the required 218.

Baptists and other religious groups have consistently supported the U.S.

Supreme Court's 1962 and 1963 decisions banning state-sponsored and written school prayers.

Routh, appearing at the news conference with seven other leaders from Protestant and Jewish communities, said that while Baptists have internal differences on many issues, Baptist bodies in the United States are in "complete agreement" on government-sponsored prayer in schools.

Routh cited the 1980 SBC resolution, which expressed opposition "to attempts, either by law or other means, to circumvent the Supreme Court's decisions forbidding government authorized or sponsored religious exercises in public schools." He also cited similar SBC statements adopted in 1964 and 1971.

Referring to the Helms/Crane language, Routh told reporters, "We feel very strongly that the adoption of this legislation would not be in the best interests of the First Amendment... or of religion itself."

Dean M. Kelley, National Council of Churches associate for religion and civil liberties, shared Routh's view, declaring that the Helms/Crane legislation "is of no service to religion."

Kelley also warned that the scheme to remove the matter of prayer in schools from federal court jurisdiction is a dangerous "innovation" which, if successful, would signal that "no portion of the Bill of Rights is safe." Other controversial Supreme Court decisions involving civil rights, freedom of speech, assembly, press, and other rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights

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## Don't Send Mass-Produced Criticisms, Say TV Execs

By Tim Fields

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — During an unprecedented and spirited consultation, staff members of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission told vice-presidents of all three major television networks that Southern Baptists have grave concerns about the low moral quality of many television programs.

The Nashville meeting brought together for the first time executives from ABC, CBS and NBC who approve all non-news network programming.

According to Harry Hollis, director of family and special moral concerns for the Christian Life Commission, the consultation was held to explore ways that Southern Baptists can have a greater impact on the moral content of television programs and to express dissatisfaction about the immoral themes and trends in television programming.

### Have Moral Concerns

"We don't have an ax to grind about favors for Southern Baptists," Foy Valentine, executive director of the commission, told the network executives. "Our concerns are moral concerns. There are basic moral values that civilized people can agree on. When writers and producers give you programs that are immoral or amoral we want you to resist them."

Hollis told the network censors that he was appalled by the television treatment of incest, homosexuality and other social ills.

"We are not saying that television should not ever deal with these issues," Hollis said. "We are saying that if you do, it should be done in a morally responsible manner. Don't glamorize this kind of immoral behavior. The portrayal of incest and homosexuality on television rarely shows the kind of pain it brings to people in real life situations."

Hollis also chided censors for allowing immoral behavior to be sensationalized in promotions for upcoming programs or series.

In response to charges leveled by the moral concerns agency and by consultant participant Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the network executives said they welcomed the criticism and suggestions of Southern Baptists but they denied any attempt at control or censorship.

### Imposing Controls

"We will not respond well to any group or individual who intends to impose controls in an attempt to affect television programming," said Al Schneider, vice-president of ABC.

"Television is a national medium with a diverse audience and we at the networks must use every ounce of courage to guard our objectivity," he said.

"We have to present programs that reflect all of society," Schneider said. "We will self-destruct if we don't have a balance. We do have to look to opinion leaders to help us know how to deal better with issues," he said.

Hollis countered by saying that television should not only reflect society but should help to shape it for good. "You cannot ignore your responsibility to act in the public interest," he said.

Schneider and the other network executives said they welcome regular and ongoing critique of programs from Southern Baptists, but gave a specific prescription for the form that criticism should take.

"We need constructive help. We are in serious trouble if we are not criticized," Schneider said. "If Southern Baptists come to us with reason instead of with pressure tactics we will look to them as positive resources for existing moral concerns," he said.

Ralph Daniels, vice-president for

broadcast standards at NBC, said he would encourage Southern Baptist viewers to be specific about their criticism of television programs. "If you watch a 'Quincy' or a 'Hart to Hart' program and write to us about something in a particular episode that we should not have done, we can deal with that," he said.

"If you give facts such as program name, date and time of airing, and refer to specific scenes or segments, your letter will probably receive a personal reply," Daniels said. "Letters which appear to be mass produced or are vague, have little value and do not carry much weight," he said.

Donn O'Brien, vice-president for program practices at CBS, said he encouraged the Christian Life Commission to continue to keep in constant

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## Mississippi Gives \$2.5 Million To Lottie Moon

The 1979 national goal of 40.5 million dollars for the Lottie Moon offering has been exceeded. A record amount was given in Mississippi, too. Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi WMU, states that when the books were closed on May 31, Mississippi Baptists had given \$2,540,000.07 to foreign missions through this special love offering.

## You Name It, We Got It!

Tim Glaze, of Clinton and a student at Mississippi College was scheduled to serve this fall as a semester missionary in Mexico, under appointment by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union. But the deal fell through.

The job assignment changed when the Lincoln Baptist School at Guadalajara lost recreational facilities where Glaze had planned to lead in a recreation program.

The day that Lloyd Luncford, associate in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Student Work department, phoned Bill Lee of the Home Mission Board to ask about possible assignment in the U.S., Lee had phoned workers in Peoria, Ill., to tell them there was no one who could fill their special needs.

They needed someone who could speak Spanish fluently to help establish three Spanish speaking congregations there. Glaze, the son of former missionaries to Argentina, speaks Spanish fluently.

When Luncford spoke with Lee after confirming the new assignment, Lee reported the Illinois people, "were tickled to death."

Glaze began his work in Peoria on June 14 and is serving with 66 other Mississippi BSU appointed students in both home and foreign missions.

## USM BSU Cited For Volunteerism

The English Language Institute (ELI) at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, recently presented a certificate of appreciation to the USM Baptist Student Union International Committee for work with foreign students attending the Institute.

The certificate is awarded for outstanding contributions to international understanding and is awarded to community people, USM students, or ELI students upon recommendation of the faculty and staff of ELI.

The BSU was cited for its assistance over the last four years in conducting conversation groups for international and USM students through its English In Action Program. English In Action is designed to help international students learn English.

The BSU was also recognized for entertaining international students in committee members' homes during school breaks, conducting picnics and study groups, and greeting and helping students during each ELI registration.

## One Another's President

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Soon after Bailey Smith was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the first to call and congratulate him was the president of the United States.

President Carter, also a Southern Baptist, began the call by saying to Smith, "You're my president."

Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., told President Carter, "Our people enjoyed having you in our church (in 1976)."

Then Smith asked Carter to pray for him, and Carter replied, "I have prayed for you, and I am going to continue to pray for you in the days to come."

Smith also said President Carter invited him and his wife, Sandy, to visit in the White House.



Pictured left to right are Leticia Henson, ELI instructor-activities committee member; Richard Dodder, ELI director; Pam Forbes, BSU Internationals committee chairman; and Gail Mayhall, BSU Internationals committee member.



## Some Admit Not Being Ready For Biblical Inerrancy Debate

By Randy Wyrick

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Children see things from a different perspective than adults. For example, the main attractions for most Southern Baptists under four-and-a-half feet tall who attended the annual convention in St. Louis were the gateway "golden" arch and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Others, like Dennis Cooper, 14, of Port Boone, La., were aware of the biblical inerrancy question that was prevalent in the convention, but they weren't too concerned about it.

"Things like this come and go all the time," said Cooper, who was attending his fourth convention. "I wouldn't get too worried about it."

The youngsters have an equally unique outlook on biblical inerrancy itself. They don't know what it is.

"I've never heard of it," said Cooper.

Dale Collier of Canton, Mo., however, was adamant about the issue. "The Bible talks about Jesus as the only begotten Son. God inspired the people who wrote it. Everyone knows

that. You find that out in movies," he said.

Della Rivera just hadn't had enough time to study the question of biblical inerrancy.

"I'm only nine and a half years old," she said.

"How could I have studied enough to decide something like that? I'm not old enough. I'm not sure anyone else is either."

Nine-year-old David Bryant of Forsyth, Ill., explained inerrancy of the Bible this way: "I think that it is true from cover to cover. My dad told me so, and I believe in my dad."

Bruce Ingle of Denton, Texas, doesn't think the Bible has any mis-

takes. "I read it," he said. "It tells how God told them to write it, like James, and John, and all those guys."

Steve Smith, 11-year-old son of newly-elected SBC President Bailey Smith of Del City, Okla., summed it all up in this fashion: "I enjoy coming to these conventions because of the people I get to meet, like Adrian Rogers, and W. A. Criswell (former SBC presidents)."

"Sometimes we get out and do things as a family when we can," he said. "We were supposed to go up into the arch today. I hope we'll have time now that dad is the president."

On the biblical inerrancy question he declared:

"I don't think that it is worth watching or worrying about. I'm not really sure what it is and I've heard a lot of different people say a lot of different things about it. I don't think they are sure about it either. I'm not sure anybody is."

(Wyrick is a recent graduate of Cumberland College and worked in the newsroom at the Southern Baptist Convention.)

## Church Plan Change Would Help Agencies

A crucial "church plan" amendment to pension-related legislation in the U.S. Senate has cleared the congressional body's Finance Committee.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, said he learned from Board General Counsel Gary P. Nash, who was in Washington, D. C., that the amendment — called the "Talmadge church plan amendments" — has been "marked up" by the committee and will not be referred to the Senate floor for further action.

"This action of the Senate Finance Committee marks a significant moment for all Southern Baptists," said Morgan, chief executive officer of the denominational retirement and insurance planning institution in Dallas.

"It is a victory in our attempts to get the federal government to understand the basic reason for the name to amend the federal pension law."

The law would drastically affect church pension plans by Jan. 1, 1983, unless "corrective legislation such as the Talmadge church plan amend-

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## Campus Ministers

# Prime Hunger Causes Include Theological Immaturity: Dunn

Southern Baptist campus ministers grappled with four major ethical problems which will face Americans during the 80s during their fourth annual two-day meeting.

"The sacredness of life is basic," James Dunn, executive director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, Dallas, told the campus ministers in their opening session.

Addressing himself to the problem of world hunger, Dunn said all people everywhere deserve the right to food, because God places value on every human life.

"More people are hungry today than ever before," he reported, noting that half the world's hungry are children under five years of age, that 800 million people live in "absolute poverty" and that at least one-eighth of the world's population suffers "debilitating malnutrition."

"Starvation of humans clearly is a moral and ethical issue, because its solution lies well within the capability of nations working alone and together," Dunn said.

"Theological immaturity" and "ethical insensitivity" among Americans are other prime causes of the hunger crisis, Dunn charged.

"Because human society could, if it would, see that no child goes to bed hungry, our failure to do so is morally outrageous," he said. "Our dedication to see that innocent children eat is a basic test of our Christian ethic."

Attention shifted from food to missiles when the student workers heard from Glen Stassen, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Stassen claimed man's faith in nuclear arms is nothing short of idolatry.

"We think of idols as statues, but biblically, idolatry is the concept of forsaking Yahweh and putting something else in his place," he said.

Stassen charged the key to halting arms escalation is to encourage Soviets and Americans to talk about the problem and added that the church should adopt Christ's example of "surprise initiative" and encourage government leaders to seek to talk about arms controls with the Soviet Union.

Paul Simmons, professor of Christian ethics at Southern seminary, focused on the problem of reconciling medical and ethical issues in the 80s for the campus ministers.

"All of us are touched by these issues," he said. "They call on us who are committed to the ministry to bring the best of our moral understanding and religious perspective to bear in dealing with these critical problems."

"What is needed is for us to think through these problems... and do our homework," he said. "Scientists who daily struggle with these problems will welcome dialogue with ministers and persons concerned with moral and religious implications of this issue."

Christians will test the "theological adequacy of our religious perspective"

as medicine introduces "new and fascinating circumstances" into daily life, he said.

Harry Hollis, associate executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, addressed the issue of family life in this decade.

Hollis said the Bible teaches two very significant facts about the family. The first is that the family is "very, very important" and that the Bible takes the family and its place seriously. The second is that the family is not the ultimate value — God is.

The key to successful family living combines the supremacy of God and the importance of the family, he said.

"Campus ministers have a unique opportunity to claim a generation for Southern Baptists... at a time when this country needs strong and healthy families to become involved in solving the problems of our day," he said.

The final session featured William M. Pinson, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, who wrapped up the ethical examinations with affirmation of the campus ministers' place in the lives of college students.

"You are able to stretch minds and spirits. You are able to bring people to confront truth," he told them.

"If you ever abdicate to the status quo or to the doing of business as usual or to the allowing of people to lie comfortably in their rut, you will have forsaken the special ministry to which God has called you."

"Yours primarily is a people-formation ministry," he said. "We'll be praying for you, because if you affect the generation of students coming through, so will what God has put together as a Southern Baptist Convention function in the next 10, 20 and 30 years."

The student workers elected officers for 1980-81. They are Geneva Metzger, Greensboro, N. C., president; Russ Arch, Pueblo, Colo., vice president for administration; Ned Walsh, St. Louis, Mo., vice president for programs; Joe Cobb, Booneville, Miss., vice president for membership; and Neal Schoale, Stillwater, Okla., vice president for publications.



Pictured are officers of the campus ministers' organization. They are (left to right) Russ Arch, Colorado, vice president for administration; Ned Walsh, Missouri, vice president for program; Geneva Metzger, North Carolina, president; and Joe Cobb, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, vice president for membership.

## Evangelists Hear Of Good Preaching, But Lack Of Revivals

ST. LOUIS — "Amen" ranged through the historic Third Baptist Church here Wednesday afternoon as about 500 participants in the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists heard rousing singing and sermons from eight of their colleagues.

Meeting in conjunction with the 123rd session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the pastors and evangelists were challenged to "stop

asking God to raise up a Billy Graham, Adrian Rogers or James Robison" to help straighten out the world.

"He might be wanting to use some of us peons," joked Henry Linginfelter, evangelist from Alcoa, Tenn.

The sermons of Linginfelter and three other preachers were punctuated by the songs of a showcase of music evangelists during the four-hour meeting.

"God has a deadline for America," Linginfelter told the conference participants. While the country has "more good preaching, more Bibles, more good churches and more gospel tracts" than any country in history, there is still no revival," he lamented.

America should stop "putting trust in treaties and alliances" and start "repenting and getting right with God," Linginfelter advised.

In another sermon, evangelist Ed Stalenecker of Jacksonville, Fla., appealed to his colleagues to "not just talk about Jesus, but be like Jesus." Stalenecker chided those in the SBC who are "shouting about biblical inerrancy" but not having the "active love" which the Bible teaches.

Turning his good-natured needling

to the "lack of humility" among some preachers, he joked that some of his fellow evangelists "believe their own publicity."

"Be sure it's not you that you are lifting up (in your preaching) but him (God)," he said. "I've heard people brag about Jesus when they were really bragging about themselves."

Evangelist Rick Ingle of Denton, Texas, urged the conference participants to "never let the hand of God depart from your life."

He also challenged the evangelists to "be personal with your soulwinning. I know I get more joy out of sitting down with one lost sinner and leading him to Christ than seeing 20 people walking down the aisle."

Earlier Wednesday during a business meeting, the conference elected new officers. They were Clyde Chiles of St. Louis, Mo., president; Leon Westerhouse of Birmingham, Ala., vice president; Bill Sky-Eagle of Dallas, music director; Chuck Kennedy of St. Louis, assistant music director; Lonnie Parsons of San Antonio, Texas, parliamentarian; and Jim Williams of Tulsa, Okla., pastor-advisor. Don Womack of Memphis, Tenn., serves as director of the conference.



Here are Danny and Ginger Hall. He is pastor of Belen Baptist Church.



Meet Harry Barnes, pastor of Macedonia Church at Brookhaven.

## Religious Educators

## Pharr Asks Rededication To Role Of Sunday Schools

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Southern Baptists religious educators heard a battery of speakers assess current needs and trends in education while celebrating the 25th anniversary of their organization during a two-day meeting.

In the conference keynote message Keener Pharr of Jacksonville, Fla., called on the 368 educators to rededicate themselves to the role of the Sunday School in growing churches.

While great preaching and attractive music programs "are essential functions in a growing church, they

will not alone result in growing churches," said Pharr, director of the education division of the Florida Baptist Convention.

William Hale, associate director of the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, and Findley Edge, professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., said Christian educators have majored more on disseminating information about the Bible than in meeting personal needs.

"Too often we like to start our education in the book of Exodus and not where the questions are," Hale said.

Noted Edge: "Value formation is a far more serious and complex undertaking than some have understood. Sometimes people use a study of the Bible to evade the deeper personal needs of people."

Several program features including a luncheon highlighted the history of the Religious Education Association which was started in 1956 in Kansas City, Mo.

Discussing the need for increased efforts in family life education, Joe Hinkle, secretary of the family ministry department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, said the focus of concern should be on "two basic institutions which in fact determine the nature and quality of life within society — namely the church and the family."

"These two institutions so profoundly affect the quality of life now and in the future that I believe it is worth giving our life's energy to labor together with Christ in helping both to become all they are meant to be."

In an address on the dynamics of religious education today, John Sisemore, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., urged the educators to adopt a facilitative leadership style.

"This allows the leader to focus on what is happening or needs to happen instead of what he wants to happen," Sisemore said.

Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries, Sunday School Board, called contemporary university campuses "strategic mission fields." Educators should recognize this and plan accordingly, he said.

## WRAPUP

This page just about wraps up the Southern Baptist Convention material for 1980. Included are photos of Mississippians attending the sessions in St. Louis. The cartoon is by Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, whose pen occasionally graces the pages of the Baptist Record.



Margaret, Betty, Bill and J. C. are all Mitchells. The two men are brothers. Margaret is married to J. C. who is director of missions for Lowndes, Oktibbeha, and Clay counties. Betty is married to Bill who is pastor of Rawls Springs Baptist Church. These four brought their own chicken dinner picnic to the Pastor's Conference to avoid fighting the lines at local eateries.

## For A Successful Life, Know, Do Will Of God

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Inspirational themes such as acceptance, freedom and success, blending with traditional and new music, caught the ears of 1,300 Southern Baptist musicians during a two-day conference here.

These themes were sounded by Ken-

neth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and devotional speaker for the conference.

Musical features included the premiere of three Southern Baptist Music Conference-commissioned pieces and the first conference performance of a senior adult choir — the Heart Throbs of Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Chafin warned the musicians not to equate a successful career with a successful life.

"It's possible for you to have what is called by everyone a successful career, but to be a failure in your life," he said.

"You need to discover what makes a life, before you lie down to die and it's a great deal more than makes a career."

The Houston pastor said to seek and to know and to do the will of God leads to a successful life.

In earlier sessions Chafin urged the musicians to accept where they are and who they are as ministers and to learn to become free persons.

Another challenge came from Thad Roberts, Jr., minister of music at South Main and president of the conference.

In a presidential address, Roberts told the participants that they have a unique opportunity to share the gospel through "the sound of music," and urged them to make the most of that opportunity.

In addition to the inspirational messages, the musicians heard an enlightening account of the contribution of Fanny Crosby to American hymnology from a leading authority on the prolific 19th century hymn writer, C. Bernard Ruffin, a Lutheran minister from Alexandria, Va.



## Tough Sledding Ahead For Family

The American family can expect tough sledding if the latest forecasts about divorce hold true, Grady Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, told religious researchers in St. Louis.

The latest trends identified by Yankelovich Monitor, a national research service, indicate one out of every two marriages in 1980 will end in divorce, Cothen said.

Research also shows the problem of (Continued on page 3)



Buster Pray at drums and Eva Hart at piano were among Mississippians playing for the choir of First Church, Jackson which sang during the Pastors' Conference. Just out of camera range is John Cheesman playing trumpet.



Avery and Vernie Jones and Gladys and Harold Anderson smile for the camera. Jones is pastor of Shubuta Baptist Church. Anderson is pastor of Friendship, Aberdeen.



# Violence Doesn't Cancel Services

MIAMI (BP) — While flames lit by the worst American racial violence in a decade devoured buildings around them, black and white members of 79th Street Baptist Church worshipped together in love.

The 289 resident members of the church in Liberty City, where the violence was centered, did not cancel any services. "Though life was in jeopardy, they have stood by the church and its mission," said white pastor Baxter Phillips of his congregation. "I could tell you that all my members are afraid to come out. But I'm not going to tell you that. It's not so."

"The one thing that our church has to do is present a positive faith to the world and not one of fear," Phillips

explained. "We have to demonstrate a confession of faith in Jesus Christ; what he has done personally and what

"We need people who are courageous enough to be missionaries in Miami."

he wants to do for those who will listen to what the church and the Word have to say."

Phillips said churches should find some means of ministering to the younger blacks in the community. One way is to help restore respect for authority among all races.

"I think the real secret lies in communicating with the 18 to 35 year-old age group in the black community," he said. "I suggest we put them to work by giving them places of employment, give them places of responsibility in the government and give them a place where their voice is heard."

"I think the crowning phase of it will come if our churches will continue to minister instead of selling the property and running," Phillips said. "We're going to stand right there in the midst of the change and preach the glamor and glory of the gospel, and make it stick."

The pastor believes there is much Southern Baptists can do to minister to his community.

"You can send us some missionaries, finances and equipment," Phillips said. "We need people who are courageous enough to be missionaries in Miami. We have the greatest mission field in the world."

"Our most serious problems are not having adequate personnel to staff the church administration and missionaries to go out there and do some things in a weekday form of ministry where the people live."

Phillips hopes the worst is over, but he isn't sure. "We do not know if this is the end of this particular spasm of violence," he said. "It may be that next weekend we may not be able to have services. We'll just have to wait and see."

## Mike Livingston To Join Foreign Board News Team

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Mike Livingston, a Crowder, Miss., native and associate editor of Probe magazine at the Brotherhood Commission, will become senior staff writer for news and information services at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board late in July.

Livingston, who has traveled across the United States since 1976 doing articles for the pioneer Royal Ambassadors boys magazine, will turn his attention to special feature and news coverage on foreign missions.

A journalism graduate of Memphis State University, Livingston edited and published his own magazine before working as a newspaper reporter for the Commercial Appeal in Memphis, Tenn.

He later taught journalism and was public information officer at North West Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, Miss. He also has done newspaper layout and edited two trade publications.

Livingston, 40, is an experienced photographer. He is a member of the Memphis Professional Photography Guild, Professional Photographers of America and the Tennessee Professional Photographers Association. He is also a member of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

Livingston grew up in Memphis, Tenn. He is married to the former Sheril Chipman of Memphis. They have a daughter, Sheri, who will be 4 in August.

## Texas Gunman Enters Church Kills Five

During the opening song of the morning worship service at First Baptist Church, Daingerfield, Tex., a gunman entered, killing five and wounding ten before shooting himself in the head.

Two ushers, Kenneth Truitt and James Y. "Red" McDaniel, both 49, were killed as they rushed the heavily armed man. Another, Chris Hall, attacked the man wrestling two semi-automatic rifles from him. However, the man, Alvin Lee King III, dressed in combat gear and flak jacket, was able to shoot himself in the head with one of two pistols he was carrying. He was listed in stable condition in Galveston's John Sealy Hospital.

King had been scheduled to go on trial the next morning on incest charges. The possibility existed he harbored grudges against some church members whom he had asked to testify in his behalf, but refused.

Others killed in the fusillade included Gina Linham, 7; Mrs. Theima Richardson, 78; and Gene Gandy, 50.

## "Don't Send . . . Criticism"

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contact with his network. "Give us specific criticism of specific programs," he said.

Although all three network representatives said they encouraged ongoing input from the commission and from individual Southern Baptists, they took exception to the commission's policy of encouraging Southern Baptists to write sponsors of programs with immoral content and to practice selective buying of those sponsors' products.

In a packet entitled "Help for Television Viewers," introduced just prior to the first airing of the SBC series "Soap," the commission encouraged Southern Baptists to share their concerns with sponsors of any unacceptable program.

In response to the network executives' claims that "tampering" with sponsors was a form of censorship, Valentine said that Christians are morally obligated to communicate their convictions not only to the media but also to advertisers.

(Fields is director of communications for the Christian Life Commission.)

TEN TRENDS — "The ten most important emerging trends in the United States are as follows: (1) from industrial society to information society; (2) from centralization to decentralization; (3) from party politics to issue politics; (4) from machines to human technology; (5) from racism/sexism to ageism; (6) from top-down management to bottom-up management; (7) from equal education/health to equal access to capital; (8) from bigness to appropriate scale; (9) from "company" board of directors to independent board of directors; (10) from representative democracy to participatory democracy." — (Business Tomorrow, February, 1980)

## RA Camps Are Full Except July 25-26

The Brotherhood Department reports that all Royal Ambassador resident camps are full for this summer. However, the Dad-Lad camp for the weekend of July 25-26 has some vacancies. The other Dad-Lad weekend, July 18-19, is full.

## Dan Martin Named News Editor Of Baptist Press

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Daniel B. Martin Jr., a veteran of 23 years in secular and Southern Baptist journalism, will become news editor for Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, on Aug. 1.

Martin, 42, editor of the news service at the SBC Home Mission Board, was approved for the position Monday by the Administrative Sub-Committee of the SBC Executive Committee. He will succeed Robert O'Brien, who will join the SBC Foreign Mission Board in July to pilot a program of overseas news coverage.

Martin will work alongside Norman Jameson, feature editor, who supervises the feature coverage and photography for Baptist Press.

A native Texan, Martin will supervise news coverage of the denomination's news service, coordinating work

with six BP bureaus and other news sources and relations with secular and religious media.

"Dan Martin has that rare combination of extensive experience with daily newspapers and with the denomination which the Baptist Press role requires," according to Wilmer C. Fields, director of Baptist Press.

Before joining the Home Mission Board in Atlanta in 1976, Martin was press director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, 1973-76. Earlier, Martin spent 16 years on staffs of newspapers in Texas and Colorado in various capacities.

His writing has won 12 secular and religious journalism awards. He has written three books.

Besides news experience, he has been pastor of churches in Bluegrove, Dundee, and Quanah, Texas. He is a graduate of Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas, and has done work toward a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Martin is married to the former Colleen Taylor. They have four children.

## BSU Leaders Train In Nashville

Four Mississippi students attending a recent Baptist Student Union leadership training conference sponsored by National Student Ministries (NSM) at the Sunday School Board in Nashville are (l to r) Todd Alan Rogers, BSU president at East Central Junior College, Decatur; Ellis Seal, BSU president at Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville; Carolyn Corley, BSU president at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain; and Greg Stewart, BSU president at the University of Mississippi, University. Charles Roselle, head of the board's NSM, talks here with the four students during a break in one of the sessions.

## Illinois Names Ernest Mosley Chief Executive

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP) — Ernest E. Mosley has been elected executive director of the Illinois Baptist State Association, effective August 1.

Mosley, pastoral association supervisor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, has been at the board for 13 years.

In Illinois, he will succeed James Smith, who resigned in August, 1979 to become executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Mosley, 52, a native of Arkansas, graduated from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He began serving churches as pastor while still in high school and has been pastor of churches in Hawaii, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Mosley's \$35,780 salary includes housing, plus normal health benefits and a 10 percent retirement annuity. The Illinois Baptist State Association has 966 churches and missions with membership of 219,000.

## Presbyterians Say Accept Women Clergy

TORONTO (EP) — Presbyterian Church ministers opposed to women clergy have been given 10 years to change their minds or get out, the 106th General Assembly has decided. The assembly meeting in Windsor also decided to ban from now on the ordination of anyone opposed to women clergy.

The ruling requires Presbyterian ministers to cooperate fully with female elders and clergy, but will not — until 1990 — force them to take part in ordaining women themselves.

The church, which has 166,190 adult members, decided to ordain women in 1966 but about 15 percent of its 993 ministers are adamantly opposed to the move.

## Tough Sledding Ahead For Family

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the absentee father, long prevalent in black families is becoming a growing problem for white families, too, the Southern Baptist executive said.

Cohen was the principal speaker at the third annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Research Fellowship, an organization of Southern Baptists with research responsibilities.

The research fellowship was one of almost a dozen Southern Baptist groups meeting in advance of the Southern Baptist Convention which opens a three-day conference Tuesday

## Cobble Succeeds Wester On Executive Committee

J. Howard Cobble, pastor of Avondale Estates Baptist Church, Atlanta, was elected chairman of the 66-member Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for one year.

He succeeds Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss. Wester, who is rotating off the Executive Committee, was concluding the second year of a two-year stint as chairman.

John T. Dunaway, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky., was named vice chairman. Don Gent of Evansville, Ind., a layman, was elected recording secretary.

## Church Plan Change Would Help Agencies

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ment' is passed by Congress," Morgan explained.

The "Talmadge church plan amendment" — an addendum to "multiemployer" pension bill S. 1076 — encompasses the objectives of the Annuity Board on the Church Alliance for Clarification of ERISA.

The Alliance is a coalition of persons acting on behalf of the pension programs of 27 religious denominations in the U.S.

Chaired by Morgan, the Alliance represents member pension boards from the entire religious spectrum, including Protestant, Catholic and Jewish bodies.

According to Morgan, legislation sponsored by the Alliance and pending in both houses of Congress would insure that church agency employees may continue to be included in church annuity plans after the critical January 1, 1983 deadline.

Among those who could lose the right to continue participation in church retirement plans are employees of Southern Baptist agencies, hospitals, schools, children's homes and practically all other denominational workers outside local church ministries, Morgan said.



## Handbells Are A Gift For Spain

Mississippi Singing Churchmen and the state Woman's Missionary Union have given a three octave set of handbells (37 in all) to Erroll and Mary Simmons, Mississippi missionaries to Spain. The WMU contribution to the \$2,500 gift came from Special Day and WMU Convention offerings. Pictured left to right are Dan Hall, director Mississippi Church Music department; Marjean Patterson, director, Mississippi WMU; Erroll and Mary Simmons; and Perry Robinson, president Mississippi Singing Churchmen.

## For Retirement

## Louisiana To Supplement Church Staff Benefits

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — The Louisiana Baptist Convention's executive board has taken innovative steps to secure sufficient retirement benefits for church staff members in the state.

Beginning in January 1981 Louisiana will be the first Baptist state convention to contribute to the retirement program of all vocational church staff members. In addition, the convention will supplement the income of currently retired ministers to provide them a minimum annual income.

The state convention will contribute \$200 per year to the retirement of all staff members in Louisiana Baptist churches who wish to participate, whether or not the staffer is already in the convention's annuity program. That \$200, if begun at age 25, will provide \$4,400 annual benefits for a minister who retires at age 65.

There are 1,309 Southern Baptist churches in Louisiana. Of those, 547 do not now participate in the annuity program.

The supplemental retirement program calls for a minimum annual income level from all sources of \$4,000 for a single person or \$6,000 for a married couple.

If, for example, a single person's annual income totals \$4,200, the Louisiana Baptist Convention will supplement that with \$600. The minimum goal will be restituted as economic conditions change.

The retirement policy changes, estimated to cost \$120,000 per year for three years, follow an extensive survey conducted by the state convention. The survey showed, among other things, that the average retired Baptist minister in Louisiana received \$80

a month benefits and the average Baptist retiree widow received \$40 a month.

A third program approved by the executive board will establish an endowment of \$1.5 million with the Louisiana Baptist Foundation "with earnings dedicated for relief and supplemental incomes of retired preachers, retired staff members and their widows."

Lucian Conway, SBC Annuity Board representative in Louisiana, who has worked with Louisiana ministers for a number of years, said, "We are not giving them anything. They have earned this by their contributions to the spiritual lives of Louisiana Baptists and the churches over the years."

Glen Edwards, director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention's church-minister relations division, said the goal is for the endowment to cover the income supplement after three years. Final details for all three programs are yet to be worked out by the convention program committee.

## Join The Fray Over Prayer

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would be vulnerable to the same fate, he said.

Kelley and Routh were joined at the news conference by representatives of the United Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, Lutheran Council, Episcopal Church, Synagogue Council of America, and Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

In a related development, Routh mailed a letter June 17 to all 435 members of the House opposing the Crane discharge petition drive.

Citing the recent SBC action, Routh asked congressmen who have already signed the petition to remove their names and urged those who have so far resisted to refrain from signing.

"By this action we strongly feel you will be in support of the constitutional requirement of the separation of church and state and the larger principle of religious liberty," Routh wrote the lawmakers.

## Bold Missions Leadership Conference

## New Mexico Governor To Speak At Glorieta July 4

GLORIETA — Missions addresses, testimonies by missionaries, daily Bible study and a wide range of leader training opportunities will highlight the Bold Mission Leadership Conference June 28-July 4 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

An Independence Day celebration featuring an address by New Mexico Governor Bruce King of Santa Fe, a Baptist, will close out the annual event sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, and Mrs. Keith Parks, wife of the president of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, also will make major addresses.

The special week is expected to attract more than 2,000 Brotherhood and WMU leaders and their families, planners said.

James H. Smith, new executive director of the Commission, will preach the Sunday morning sermon and lead a daily Bible study for men.

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, president of WMU, will address the group on Sunday night and Milton Ferguson,

president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead the daily Bible study for the women.

Other features during the week include an emphasis on ministering to people affected by disaster led by James Hatley, director of world missions conferences for the Commission, and foci on associations and the cities.

Sponsors said activities also will be offered for youth, children and preschoolers.

## BIBLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

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"Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness" (Luke 11:35).



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## Editorials

### Convention sidelights . . .

## Not always in the limelight

Many of the things that are not particularly in the limelight when Southern Baptists gather annually are meaningful in their own rights. They deserve to be mentioned; but in the mass of convention considerations, sometimes they are lost.

Such a situation was the attendance at the Woman's Missionary Union meeting of Jewel Leggett Daniel of Dallas, Texas. This former missionary to China is now in her 90s; and the interesting thing about her is that she is one of the two survivors of the missionaries who served with Lottie Moon in China. Though confined to a wheel chair, she is alert and witty. Also attending the WMU meeting were three great-grandnieces of Lottie Moon. They are Rita Watkins of Tulsa and Charlotte Churchill and Linda Harmon of Richmond. Charlotte Churchill was named for Lottie Moon.

The editor took a fantastic picture of all of these ladies, along with Catherine Allen, who wrote the new biography on Lottie Moon. Thirty-five years of photography have taught me one thing, and that is how to know that the film is engaged and the frames are advancing. In my rush to load the camera to get this picture, my 31 years of experience came to naught, and I didn't get the film caught in the take-up

spool. The fantastic picture was not a picture at all. It was not recorded on film.

The Pastors' Conference program deserves mention for its excellence. The spirit was good throughout the conference, and the speakers were inspiring. The music was as good as could be heard anywhere under any circumstance. A part of this music was the sanctuary choir of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Larry Black is the director. Another choir to sing at the conference was that of First Baptist Church, Dallas. The Bill Gaither Trio also was on the program.

Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, was the president for this conference; and he is to be congratulated for providing a first-class program.

There were some interesting sidelights of the Southern Baptist Convention itself which are not likely to be reported. These are mentioned as matters of interest only because, while in each case the effort was disallowed or didn't happen, it is likely those involved were not aware that their actions would not be acceptable.

For instance, one pastor in a St. Louis suburb asked the messengers from his church to leave their ballots at the church office if they could not

attend a business session so that someone else could take the ballots and vote. Registration Secretary Lee Porter said this is strictly contrary to established procedure. Once a messenger is registered, Porter said, no one can take his place—not even if he dies. A messenger may be replaced if he becomes incapacitated before he registers, but not after, he said.

A resolution was introduced that called for the state papers to resist entering into the political activity that would seek to influence the election of the president of the convention. This resolution was not allowed on the basis that the Southern Baptist Convention cannot properly speak to a state convention agency. The Baptist Record for that reason would not be in sympathy with the resolution's being presented; but on the other hand, this paper has not been a part of any pre-convention activity in trying to get any individual elected president except to say that Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, was being considered this year. We did that because he is a Mississippian.

Another matter involving the state papers was the attempt by the Committee on Committees to establish a study committee on the state papers.

This was disallowed because there is already a committee on Baptist state papers. It is not a study committee, however, but one that is voted into existence year by year because the convention constitution provides for time on the convention program for the denominational press.

For the first time in many years, if ever before, seats were denied elected messengers. A couple from Kentucky were denied because it was determined that the church which had elected them was not in sympathy with the efforts of Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention is always an interesting experience, regardless of what happens. And regardless of whether or not we all like what happens, we must remember that the decisions of the conventions are made by the messengers who have been sent by the churches. How much control has been exercised by those who have sought to exercise it would be difficult to measure. Though we may decry those efforts to control, there is no way we can stop them if those involved do not wish to stop. The best recourse is to pray for and have faith in the ability of the messengers to make the right decisions. This we should be doing anyway.—DTM



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### The Wilkersons

Sunday afternoon, June 22, I went to a reception at Morrison Heights Church honoring my pastor, Kermit McGregor, and his wife, Phyllis, on their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, you two!

On a recent Thursday afternoon W. D. and I, and my sister Betty and I drove to Yazoo City to see Landon and Pat Wilkerson, who have for most of June been staying at the Owen Coopers' house while the Coopers were in St. Louis and the Bahamas and other places. The Wilkersons will go to Florida and West Virginia and then return to Honduras about July 30. They have been here on a three-month furlough.

Their son Patrick was graduated from high school in May in Louisville, Ky. I met Patrick six years ago in Puerto Lempira, Honduras, and remember how knowledgeable he was about his parents' missionary work with the Miskito Indians along the marshy coast called Gracias a Dios, or Thanks to God. What a polite guide he was as he walked with Margaret Fry and me along the dusty streets of the village! He even pointed out the buzzards that constantly circle above the tall mango trees.

I was not present for Patrick's graduation, but his parents were, and also his sisters, Monika and Mary, and his older brother Bill and his wife

Alicia. Monika goes to high school in Plant City, Fla. Bill is in the Air Force, stationed in Tampa. Mary, the youngest, was baptized by her father in Honduras, on New Year's Day of this year.

I admire Landon and Pat Wilkerson because when they saw a job that needed to be done, and felt assured that God wanted them to do it, they just went ahead and started doing it. Like Bold Mission volunteers nowadays learn of a mission project that needs to be done, and either go at their own expense, or are sent by their own churches or associations, the Wilkersons volunteered 14 years ago. (Their project was not a short term one!) Their work has been supported by several Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Florida. Also, the Agricultural Mission Foundation assists them.

The poverty and isolation of the Miskitos came to Landon's attention when he was a professional scuba diver along the Central American coast. After he was called to the ministry, he could not stop thinking of the plight of those people.

The other afternoon in Yazoo City, I got to see Patrick again. He told me that he plans to enter the gospel ministry, and will enroll this fall at Campbellville College, where he has a scholarship.

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Pat, Landon, Monika, Mary, and Patrick Wilkerson.

### In memory of Joe Odle . . .

## Ministerial scholarship fund grows

A few weeks ago an announcement was carried on this page pointing out that a ministerial scholarship fund in memory of Joe T. Odle has been established at Mississippi College.

That first announcement stated only that friends of Odle's at the Baptist Record had inaugurated the fund because of our love and appreciation for

him. It was a very brief announcement in one corner of the editorial page.

Since that time additional gifts have been received for that fund from other sources. The Baptist Record gratefully acknowledges that this is the case and expresses appreciation for those gifts.

Joe Odle had a particular interest in

young preachers. His own son, Joe Thomas Odle, died while attending Mississippi College as a ministerial student; and that seemed to spark in the elder Odle an interest in young preachers that never wavered.

The Odles' daughter, now Mrs. Sarah Maddox of Memphis, is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Through the growth of this fund the interest of this former editor in ministerial education will be perpetuated through years unnumbered.

Joe Odle, as readers of this publication know, was editor of the Baptist Record for 17 years. He retired on Aug. 31, 1976, and died in March of this year.

## Letters To The Editor

### Bible Book Series

Editor:

We study the Bible Book Series and enjoy Dr. McComb. We hope it will be carried by Baptist Record.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Brett  
Seminary, MS

### Missions in New York

Editor:

Southern Baptists attending the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto in July are invited to visit our Southern Baptist mission work in the Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Western New York areas. To talk with a missionary or to have a guided tour of our work, call one of these workers (in advance or after you arrive in town):

In the Greater Buffalo Area: Director of Missions - Clifford Matthews (716) 685-1243. US-2er - Chuck Hartness (716) 688-5072.

In Grand Island and Niagara Falls Area: Pastor - Terry Robertson (716) 773-2180 or 773-5523.

In Fredonia-Dunkirk Area: Pastor - Ray Sims (716) 672-3448.

Bold Mission Thrust is a reality to us here. God has allowed us to start six new missions during the last two years, giving a 35 percent increase in number of units. Our state and associational goal is to double the number of constituted and strong churches within the next five years. Our first Southern Baptist work in New York

State began in this area, but has been slow in developing. We believe we are now on the verge of a big outreach and increase in bringing people to Christ and starting new churches.

Visit us if you can and pray for us if you can't. It's a joy to be representing Christ and Southern Baptists on the Western Frontier of New York State.

Clifford Matthews  
Director of Missions  
Frontier Baptist Association

### Church List Correction

Editor:

We are offering a suggestion about improving delivery of THE BAPTIST RECORD. We realize that churches provide you names and addresses, and it is incumbent on them to provide correct addresses. The secretary of my church, The First Baptist Church of Water Valley, keeps her mailing list current, and provides complete addresses. We have attempted to gain cooperation of the rural churches of our county, but usually they enter just a route number, or a street name without box numbers. This causes much confusion and costs extra time, especially when we have substitutes on the routes and training new people. Usually the comment is, "They have been living on Route No. 3, twenty-five years, and everybody knows them."

We continue to offer our churches the privilege of submitting their address to us for correction. This is done by our personnel without charge in an effort to up-date our addresses. This must be done on a church by church basis for we could not possibly correct your entire mailing lists. Possibly you could insist on complete addresses when receiving new subscribers.

Sincerely,  
Paul L. Parker  
Postmaster

### Free Mrs. Tolbert!

Mrs. William O. Tolbert, national WMU president of Liberia, is under house arrest. Her late husband, a Baptist minister, was killed during a military coup, which toppled him as president of Liberia.

Sir Cyril Black, a Baptist layman in London, has offered to finance her resettlement in another country.

The Southern Baptist Convention, in St. Louis, passed a resolution asking for her release on humanitarian grounds. Passing a resolution will do little good unless it is followed up. If a state WMU president here in our own country were imprisoned for political purposes, surely there would be a groundswell of opinion from Baptists,

especially Baptist women.

A letter from you—regardless of your position or office—could be of help. Merely ask that she be freed on humanitarian grounds. Write in a courteous tone. It is not necessary to go into detail on the coup itself. Send your letter to Chief of State Samuel Doe, c/o Liberian Embassy, 5201 16th St. NW, Washington, D. C. 20011.

Robert J. Hastings, Ed.  
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### Defeat the Gays

Editor:

I have just finished reading the Baptist Record. I am a firm believer that Baptists must remain together. John the Baptist inspired for Baptists the first Christian religion that began on the river Jordan.

I'm praying the Baptists will defeat the gays from being employed in public places where young children and teenagers are allowed and in public schools, where teachers should be given psychological tests to check if they're mentally capable to teach our younger generation.

Opal J. Nail  
Marks

### Biased Reporting

Editor:

I have followed with much interest the reporting in the Baptist Record and the editorial content in connection with the activities of Paige Patterson (no relation).

What bothers me is a one-sided presentation of the issues involved. In the May 29 issue, a lengthy rebuttal of the "charges" made by Patterson was included. The gist of the material (taken from The Baptist Standard) was that the six men in question were cited out of context. Therefore, the criticism was unjustified.

Yet, that is just exactly what the Baptist Record did to Paige Patterson. His statement, provided to your paper, was not published, only the rebuttal quoting him out of context. This, in my opinion, constitutes biased reporting. If we are to hear the rebuttal, let us also hear the charges, as they were made.

I attended the same seminary at the same time as Paige Patterson. I share many of the concerns he has about the teaching in our institutions. Moreover, this is a major concern of our denomination. What I gather from your editorials is that the great sin is anyone calling these concerns to the attention of Southern Baptists.

Jerry Dale Patterson  
Pastor  
Temple Heights Baptist Church  
Oxford

### On Dr. Pinson

Dear Mrs. McWilliams:

I have just finished reading your article on Dr. E. R. Pinson. As the members of my church read the article they will have very pleasant memories come to their minds. We know that he is one of the finest Christian scholars and leaders that our state has.

In your article you gave a list of seven counties where Dr. Pinson held pastorates. At least one county was left out—Leake. Dr. Pinson served our church as pastor several times during the 1950's and '60's. When we needed a new pastor or when we needed advice as a church, we always called him. Of course, he never let us down.

The last time that Dr. Pinson was in our church was Sunday, July 4, 1976. That worship service was especially meaningful to us because Mrs. Pinson was able to be there with Dr. Pinson. Our pastor was an MC graduate, and two former pastors who had studied under Dr. Pinson at Clarke and MC were also there. One of those former pastors had been brought to us by Dr. Pinson.

Dr. Pinson is especially dear to my family because it was during his 1950 pastorate that my older brother and I became Christians and were baptized into the fellowship of Thomastown Baptist Church. He also gave special guidance to my father who was a new deacon at this time. Because of Dr. Pinson, I spent four very happy years at Mississippi College.

Now I know that you made the mistake of leaving Leake County out of the article because Dr. Pinson would never forget us! Just to be sure though, I'm calling him just as soon as I finish this letter.

Thank you again for reminding me of a man who has been so important to my family and to my church.

Jennie Dickens Swearingen  
Note: I expect you are right, that the mistake was mine. Thank you for sharing these additional insights on a great man.—AWM

## Book Reviews

COMMEMORATIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSICS: BUILDING A STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL by Arthur Flake (Sunday School Board, Nashville, 1922, 146 pp.) HOW TO WIN TO CHRIST by P. E. Burroughs (Sunday School Board, 1924, 165 pp.) A CHURCH USING ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL by J. N. Barnett (Sunday School Board, 1927, 173 pp.) OUT-REACH FOR THE UNREACHED by A. V. Washburn (Convention Press, 1960, 150 pp.)

In commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Sunday Schools, Convention Press at Nashville has put out new paperback editions of these four study course books, written by "Sunday School greats" whose names have been widely known among Southern Baptists. The books are packaged together in an attractive box that would make them a handsome addition to anyone's library. Flake's book is devoted to an in-depth study of the Standard of Excellence, "valuable as a working basis for the Sunday School." Burroughs wrote, "A vision of the meaning of evangelism and an experience of the joys that come from winning the lost would transform many a Sunday school." Barnett said he hoped that pastors, superintendents and other officers and teachers, "especially in churches with class Sunday Schools" would make a study of the Sunday School with the

idea of learning how to use it as "a powerful, fruitful church agency in helping to do the work of a church." Washburn's book describes the "multiplying multitudes," discusses the church's contact with the multitudes, and asks, "What shall we do for the multitudes?" These books are a historic memento, worth owning.

ALCOHOLISM, THE WAY BACK TO REALITY by Claire Costales with Jo Berry (Gospel Light Publications, paper, 157 pp.) Claire Costales was born in Ireland, but moved to Toronto when she was 17. In the years that followed she became a wife, mother of three, born-again Christian, and recovered alcoholic. She says that she lived her years from 17 to 31 "in a maze of booze," constantly drunk, and that she devoted herself to "the career of alcoholism." She did not write this book just "to tell maudlin tales about wallowing in the gutter"—but to tell others how she found her way back to a life of sobriety and sanity. It is a book clearly written, by one who knows the subject. It is recommended reading for everybody. If her methods worked for her, they can work for other heavy drinkers. Also the book can be used by nondrinkers to help them understand and help alcoholics.

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# Day Star Enters Sanctuary

By Don McGregor  
Day Star Baptist Church in Rankin Association recently moved into a new building, and this fruition of several months of planning and effort was possible in part because of the ministry of the State Missions Offering — the Margaret Lackey Offering.

The congregation began meeting in October of 1977 in a retirement home in the area. Through the use of \$30,000 in state missions funds a six-acre site was purchased in March of 1978, and the planning for a permanent home began.

The Sunday meetings in the retirement home had no provisions for a Sunday School, so Sunday School was held on Wednesday evenings at a local barbecue restaurant.

In July of 1978, state missions efforts came into play again and a mobile chapel belonging to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was moved onto the property. For the first time the group was able to have Sunday School and worship services both on Sundays and in the same location.

There were 44 who attended the first service in the retirement home, and 15 indicated a willingness to join the fellowship. There are 150 members now.

The first business meeting of the group was held in the home of the pastor, Dale Holloway, on a Saturday evening.

With the addition of the mobile chapel the mission began having 40 in attendance for Sunday School and 80 in worship services. It was an arm of Bethel Baptist Church in Rankin Association.

Day Star was organized into a church on Dec. 16, 1979, with Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as the speaker for the service. The name was taken from II Pet. 1:19.

Holloway is a bi-vocational pastor. He is also the supervisor of elementary education in the State Department of Education. He has been with the department for 10 years and is the executive secretary of the Elementary Committee of the Southern Association of Elementary Schools.

He has been in the ministry since his graduation from Mississippi College in 1955. He was pastor at Louise and then went to Kansas for pioneer missions work. He received a degree in religious education at Midwestern Seminary. He was in Kansas for seven years until 1963, when he came back to Mississippi. He organized the Cleary Church at Hoover Lake in Rankin County and was there for 15 years.

To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves.



Day Star Baptist Church in Rankin Association met in its new building, in the background, for the first time June 1. The chapel in the foreground was provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the land was purchased by funds from the State Mission Offering.



Pastor Dale Holloway stands at left as Steve Tadlock leads congregational singing at Day Star Baptist Church during the first worship service in the congregation's new building.



The building committee for Day Star Baptist Church was made up of those above, left to right, Robert Martin, Glata Bucks, Paul Rigby, Louise Duncan, Iva Rigby, B. F. Duncan, Dixie Crider, Dale Holloway, Steve Tadlock, and Tammy Tadlock.

## Sewing, Fellowship, English Conversation

# First Church Thursdays Are For Internationals

By Anne McWilliams  
Internationals — women from 18 countries on four continents — have been meeting Thursday mornings at First Baptist Church, Jackson, from 9

to 11. For one reason or the other, they now call Jackson home. Many of them are the wives of students — at University Medical Center or at Jackson State University. Or the women themselves may be students. At least one is

planning to be a construction engineer.

At the Thursday morning sessions they can work on crafts, learn to smock or crochet, or they can sew on the machines that the church provides. They can get special tutoring in English, or they can practice the English that they know. (Most of them go on Wednesday mornings to an English class for internationals, taught at Broadmoor Church. Though the Broadmoor English classes do not continue all the summer, the fellowship sessions at First Church do.) If they are lonely in their apartments, they can find fellowship here.

Mrs. Robert Smira, WMU director, First Church, Jackson, and Mrs. David Myers, Hinds-Madison Christian social ministries missionary, coordinate the Thursday morning activities. Other women who regularly assist them are Mrs. Joel Alvis, Mrs. Roy Collum, Mrs. Buddy Huff, Mrs. Winfred B. Lott, Mrs. Roy Moore, Mrs. H. H. Price, Mrs. James M. Spain, and Mrs. Abb Hatten.

Usually there is time for dialogue, so that each may share her religious beliefs, including both internationals and Americans. A devotional time may include brief testimonies, Scripture reading, and prayer. Good News New Testaments have been shared. One morning Brenda Myers read the Beatitudes to the group, explaining that in these Jesus tells us how to be happy.

One Sunday evening recently, handwork from the various countries, was on display at the church, beginning at 5 p.m.

The women may bring their children to class on Thursdays or leave them at the church nursery.

On May 19, a family picnic was held indoors in Fellowship Hall, with hamburgers and homemade ice cream. The internationals came, husbands, wives, and children, 75 in all. Some of them said they had never seen an ice cream freezer.

"All have expressed gratitude for the Thursday fellowship time," Mrs. Smira said.

And she indicated that it is such a pleasure for the workers to meet with the internationals that none of them ever wants to miss a Thursday.



Chin T. Pittman, formerly of Vietnam, now of Pearl, is assisted with her study of geography, by Margaret Price, member of First Church, Jackson. Chin was getting ready for a school entrance exam, and needed a little help with English.



Mrs. Buddy Huff, left, Mrs. Roy Collum, center, and Mrs. Robert Smira are three from First Church, Jackson, who help to coordinate Thursday morning activities for internationals.

## Choctaw Church Reaches Goal, Will Celebrate

Canaan, Choctaw Indian church near Philadelphia, has reached its first phase goal of \$5,000 for its building fund drive, according to Calvin Isaac.

The members are planning a special day of celebration on Sunday, June 29. A special worship service will begin at 11 a.m.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45. Dinner will be served on the grounds, Choctaw style, at 12:30 p.m. Hymn singing will go on from 1:30 until 4 p.m.

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Front Row: l to r — Mrs. John F. Carter; Mrs. Major McDaniel; Mrs. Cleo Daniel Sumrall; Mrs. J. B. Gill; Mrs. Mary Pickering Frost; Mrs. Lizzie Nabors Daniel. Back Row: l to r, John F. Carter; Major McDaniel; Mrs. Melvin Smith; Melvin Smith; J. B. Gill; H. D. Jordan; Mrs. H. D. Jordan; Jim R. Cox; Mrs. Jim R. Cox.

## Summit Seeks Pastors' Pics

The historical committee of First Church, Summit, needs pictures of six former pastors to complete their display. They will make a copy of any picture offered.

The former pastors include Joshua Flood Cook, who served Jan. 1862-June 1864; Elias George, 1867; W. B. Gallman, 1868; T. J. Drane, 1869; S. W. Sibley, 1888-1894; and W. M. Farmer, 1897.

Contact Mrs. Russell F. Butler, First Baptist Church, Summit, Miss., 39666.

## Clarke Alumni Have 50-Year Reunion

Eight members of the Clarke College class of 1928 and their spouses met on May 3 at the college for their fiftieth anniversary reunion. In addition to the alumni, two former faculty members, M. C. McDaniel and John F. Carter and their wives, attended. Class President J. B. Gill of Toombs County, Ga., presided. Clarke President S. L. Harris and President-emeritus W. L. Compere spoke to the group.

A special feature of the reunion was the presentation of two framed maps to the Bible Department by Jim Cox of Meridian.

Committee members J. B. Gill, Mrs. J. B. Gill, Cleo Daniel Sumrall, Lizzie Nabors Daniel, and Jim R. Cox worked with Alumni Director Allen Parnell in planning the meeting.

# New Orientation Program Arms Volunteers For Fields

RICHMOND, Va. — Fifteen Mission Service Corps and extended term volunteers left Richmond, Va., armed with a fat notebook full of tips on how to be more effective workers overseas.

A three-day orientation at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board briefed them on the philosophy and theology of volunteer missions, how to adapt to another culture and how to travel overseas.

Besides hearing speakers describe experiences they would have on the mission field, they received the loose-leaf binder covering the same topics and designed to expand as they continued research independently.

The Foreign Mission Board has sponsored orientation for such groups before, but this was the first to use

eight special orientation modules developed by R. H. Falwell Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Hong Kong, in cooperation with MSC coordinator, Lewis I. Myers Jr., a Mississippian, and other board staff. Falwell has been a research assistant at board headquarters during his furlough.

The new orientation program, Myers said, is designed to help the volunteer work in the country "with an awareness of culture, the mission structure, the tasks needed on the field and effective means to fulfill those tasks."

"We hope they will be as much at home as possible when the plane sets down at their destination," said Falwell.

The volunteers also were encouraged to share their experiences with others once they return from overseas.

Both the Mission Service Corps and long-term volunteers spend from one to two years on the field. The MSC volunteers pay their own support or are supported by donations specifically for that purpose. The extended term volunteers, often sent when there is a critical need that must be filled immediately, are supported by the Foreign Mission Board.

The group included Emilio and Dolores Rivera of Coral Gables, Fla., a Puerto Rican-born retired couple, who began saving for mission service many years before Mission Service Corps was implemented.

James N. Sappington, a professor at Missouri Baptist College, St. Louis, and formerly at William Carey, was one of the first people to write and express an interest in MSC after the program was begun. He recently was able to arrange a sabbatical so that he could teach math for two years in Zambia.

## Texas Baptist Offices Will Move In 1981

DALLAS, Texas (BP) — The executive board offices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will move across the street from their downtown Dallas location about Jan. 1, 1981, to the building which houses the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board.

The move to 511 N. Akard St. from 703 N. Ervay St. will increase the amount of office space for the executive board from 30,000 square feet to 35,214 square feet. It will lease the space for \$8 per square foot annually.

The agreement also includes the option of allowing the executive board to lease 10,000 square feet of additional space after Dec. 31, 1983. The lease agreement is for five years, with four, five-year lease options.

Also included in the agreement is a five-year option that would allow the Baptist General Convention of Texas to purchase an interest in the Annuity Board building. The Annuity Board has given the Baptist convention the option of purchasing for \$675,000 — the appraised value — a piece of land in downtown Dallas on the corner of North Akard and New San Jacinto streets.

The move will allow the executive board to sell the present Baptist building on the corner of North Ervay and San Jacinto.

## West Virginia, North Carolina Become Partners

ST. ALBANS, W. Va. (BP) — The Baptist conventions of West Virginia and North Carolina have agreed to enter into partnership to help West Virginia double its number of churches by 1985.

West Virginia executive secretary-treasurer Tommy Halsell requested the help of North Carolina Baptists to begin 100 Southern Baptist congregations in West Virginia by 1985. The North Carolina General Board agreed to help at its May meeting.

Details of the partnership arrangement are not yet worked out. Specific projects and involvement of North Carolina Baptists in West Virginia will be largely determined by the needs and goals expressed by West Virginia churches and associations.

Barranquilla, Colombia — Six amputee patients will be able to receive rehabilitative help as a result of funds collected at a mini-marathon in Barranquilla, Colombia. The race was sponsored by a group organized by Southern Baptist missionary Jerrell Ballard, from Louisiana. The group has already helped eight amputees.

## Revival Date

Lena Church, (Leake): July 6-11, Byron Malone, pastor, Daniel Memorial, Jackson, evangelist; Jimmy McEachern, minister of music and youth, Trace Ridge, Ridgeland, music evangelist; Sunday at 11 and 8; nightly at 8; Dennis H. Smith, pastor.



Ikuko Omiza, standing, and Noriko Nabeshima are from Japan. Noriko is stitching a new blouse.



Kobra Sharifan of Iran does crewel embroidery.



# 6,500 Make Decisions In Korean Crusades

By Anita Bowden

SEOUL, Korea (BP) — Plagued by riots at the beginning, the Korean-American major city crusade has attracted overflow crowds and resulted in more than 6,500 decisions for Christ.

Korean Baptists and Southern Baptist missionaries agreed the evangelistic campaign had raised the recognition level of Baptists in this East Asian country.

The central crusades in Seoul averaged nightly attendance of 2,400 in the 2,000-seat auditorium where services were held. Church revivals and visitation were to continue through the middle of June in Seoul.

The 1980 crusade, a culmination of three years of planning, training and preparation by Florida Baptists, Korean Baptists and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, had problems at the start. The Kwangju crusade, scheduled for May 18-21, was canceled after students rioted, protesting martial law and the government's slow move toward democratic elections. Church revivals in that city also were canceled.

But farther south in Pusan, the central crusade and church revivals went on as planned, strengthened by the addition of Florida Baptists originally scheduled for Kwangju. Stadium at-

tendance averaged 5,200 for the four nights in that city of 2.5 million people.

One of the first Koreans to make a decision for Christ because of the crusade was Yun Kwa Ja, the travel agent in charge of transportation accommodations in Korea for the Florida Baptists.

Missionaries and Florida Baptists had witnessed to him during the preparation periods and he accepted Christ while on the train to Pusan for the first meeting of the crusade.

During his first witnessing visit in Pusan, Mike von Kanel, a musician from Cinco Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., led a Korean doctor to Christ. The doctor said no one had ever explained it to him that way before. Mike said, "I shared my testimony with him and gave him a tract and he prayed the acceptance prayer (printed in the back of the tract) before I could suggest it."

The doctor, educated at Cornell and UCLA, attended all the church meetings and arrived at the church Wednesday morning with a list of doctor friends for the Florida Baptist team to visit. Missionaries by Pusan say he will be instrumental in opening doors for witnessing among the medical community.

Mike's team received 60 prospects to visit in five days. Not everyone was home, but team members saw 31 people pray to accept Christ into their lives.

During one of his visiting sessions Mike's interpreter led the team to a police station and introduced Mike to the man in charge. "He locked the doors, pulled the shades and got everyone together," Mike said. "I witnessed to them and five said they accepted Christ."

Another time as the team was walking down the street, the interpreter began yelling, Mike said. "He went in one of the shops, got a bench, told me to stand on it and said, 'Preach.' For 45 minutes, I preached. The crowds gathered so that we began interfering with traffic. The police came then, but before the crowd dispersed seven men accepted Christ."

In Taejon, where government officials canceled the central crusade for fear of undesirable would take advantage of the crowd, more than 2,000 made decisions during visitation and church revivals.

More than 2,300 attended the central crusade meetings each night in the 1,800-seat auditorium in Taejon. More than 300 made professions of faith during the central crusade in that city of one and a half million and approximately 800 made decisions during the revivals and visitation.

(Mrs. Bowden, staff writer for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, is on assignment in East and Southeast Asia.)

## J. E. Albritton, Minister, Dies

James E. Albritton, 69, retired pastor, died June 15, on Father's Day. He was a native of Shubuta, Miss.

Services were held June 17, at 2 p.m. at Bayou Sara Baptist Church, Saraland, Ala., conducted by T. J. Delaughter, Zeno Wells, and Robert E. McDonald. Special music was presented by Mrs. Charlotte Odom.

Albritton served the Lord in a full-time capacity for 42 years. He was pastor of the following churches in the Mobile area: Zion, Plateau, Bethany and Bayou Sara. He also was pastor of Fairfield Highlands Church, Birmingham; Calvary Church, Bogalusa, La.; First Church, Crowley, La.; and First Church, Franklinton, La.

He is survived by his wife, Cleota Wells Albritton, D'Lo, Ms.; one daughter, Mrs. Marty Odom, D'Lo; three sons, Ernie of Jackson, Truman of Coldwater, and Paul of Vicksburg, Ms.; one sister; and 11 grandchildren.

## Candystripers Earn Awards

The annual Baptist Medical Center Candystripers Award Tea was recently held to honor candystripers who have volunteered at the hospital since last summer.

Seventeen special awards and badges were presented following the devotional, given by Patti Lightfoot, an MBMC candystriper, and a musical presentation by Chip Davidson, who sang a selection of Christian songs. Sherry Mitchell Bowman, a former MBMC candystriper who presently is employed in the Baptist Medical Center lab, also gave a speech about Candystripers and their role in the hospital.

The following girls received special awards which were presented by Katherine Feldman, MBMC director of volunteer services, and Frances Foster, assistant director: Susan McKnight, president, 300-hour award; Zina Bowman, publicity chairman; Sharon Campbell, Nancy Haines, Patti Lightfoot, Beth McGuffie, Cindy Sistrunk, and Betsy Warren, scrapbook editor, 50, 75, and 100-hour award recipients. Others include Dot Weeks, vice president, 100-hour award; Betty England, secretary, 50 and 75-hour award; and Anne Bowling, Hope Foster, Nicole Kerr, Lisa Lovett, Dianne Munsey, Laurie Spell and Sheila Turner, 50-hour award recipients.

## "Not Around the World, But . . ."

By John Merritt

The wedding gift for newlyweds, Jamie and Kaye Smoot of Aviano, Italy from John and Elizabeth Merritt, missionaries (from Mississippi), made quite a tour of Europe before finally reaching Aviano.

Lacking perfect confidence in the Italian mail system, the Merritts decided to try to personally deliver the gift. They took it to Interlaken in 1979. Although both the Smoots and Merritts were there, and the Merritts told the Smoots that they had the gift for them, somehow, it was never in the right place at the right time, and the gift went back to Wiesbaden with the Merritts.

The next attempt to deliver the gift was in Berlin during the annual EBC meeting in October, 1979. John Merritt again told Jamie and Kaye Smoot that he had the gift for them. Fearing that a repeat of the Interlaken misdelivery was developing, John announced during the closing session that he wanted to see Jamie Smoot after the close of the session, in order to give him the gift. He later learned that the Smoots had had to take an early train, so the gift went back to Wiesbaden.

Another opportunity to get the gift to the Smoots developed when Dan Boone, Chairman of the Deacons of Aviano Baptist Church, brought several young persons to the Thanksgiving youth retreat in Wiesbaden. John Merritt took the gift to the retreat center and asked Mr. Boone to take it to the Smoots in Aviano, which he was glad to do. However in organizing the youth for their departure Dan promptly forgot the gift, leaving it in the retreat center.

When other counselors found the gift, it was decided that for safekeeping it would be well for Jean Leeper, one of the retreat counselors, to take it home with her to Augsburg, which she did. When Jim Leeper went to Wiesbaden on December 3 for a meeting of the Committee on Committees he returned it to Wiesbaden.

The gift traveled to Kaiserslautern with John Merritt on January 5, 1980, to a meeting of the EBC youth committee. There, Sandi Wimpelberg agreed to take it to Mittersill, Austria, January 10, to the EBC Junior High Ski Retreat, which Jamie Smoot would attend. In Schloss Mittersill, Sandi personally delivered it to Jamie Smoot and watched carefully as he placed it in his suitcase.

On January 14, 1980, the gift finally went home to Aviano.

— "Highlights"  
European Baptist Convention  
(English-language)

## Baptist Leaders Won't Fire John Walsh

By Stan Hasey

ST. LOUIS (BP) — John T. Walsh, one of 10 Americans who attended recent conference in Tehran looking into U.S. policy in Iran during the reign of the deposed shah, did so as a private citizen and will not lose his job, officials of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention said here.

Walsh, employed by the Baptist Convention of New York and supported financially by the Home Mission Board, went to Iran in what for him "was an act of ministry," said the board's executive director-treasurer William G. Tanner of Atlanta. Walsh is Baptist campus minister at Princeton University.

Tanner, who reported he does not know Walsh personally, said he cannot judge "the rightness or wrongness" of the Missouri native's decision to make the trip in defiance of President Carter's ban on U.S. citizens' traveling to Iran.

"Given the constraints that he had as an individual," Tanner said, "I believe he had to do what he felt was right."

Tanner's view was backed by that of Jack P. Lowndes, executive secretary of the New York convention and one of Walsh's supervisors. "Whether it was right or wrong, I don't know," Lowndes said, adding, "I'm not God."

Both Lowndes and Gerald Palmer, director of the Home Mission Board's missions section, said they would have advised Walsh not to go to Tehran if he had asked them but refused to question his right to do so.

Lowndes said that the only requirement he makes before trips are made by personnel under his supervision is that he be notified, an action which Walsh took before leaving the country.

Lowndes confirmed that Walsh's expenses were not paid by the Home Mission Board and that he took personal leave time to make the trip.

Palmer, who supervises more than 2,900 home missionaries from the Home Mission Board's Atlanta headquarters, said that the agency's concern is that Walsh's action "not be seen as an official Home Mission Board visit."

## Crystal Springs, Walthall County, Reports "Aliveness"

Crystal Springs Church at Dexter near Tylertown in Walthall County "is alive with a spiritual revival that has grown during the last year under the leadership of the pastor, Jerry Barlow," states one of the members. "Souls are being saved, and rededications made. The Bible is the center of all teaching, preaching, and reaching out."

A Family Life Center is under construction. The church property has been improved; the cemetery and grounds have been extended. A new public address system has been added. Boys', girls', and men's teams from the church are taking part in a county church softball league. A children's choir, The Country Sonshiners, under direction of Mary Jane Stogner, has 22 enrolled. The children for performances wear red-checked shirts and blue denims.

A singing was held at the church the night of March 30, to a standing-room only crowd. The event was organized by Martha Morris and Brad Johnson, minister of music. Quartets, solos, groups, and pianists, from various churches performed. Guests were from Centerville, Union, Silver Creek, Tylertown, Co-Lin Junior College, and other places, including The Light-house Trio from McComb.

The associational Brotherhood meeting was held at Crystal Springs church on a recent Monday night.



## Harperville Sends Three

Harperville Church, Harperville (Scott) is the home church of three student summer missionaries. They are left to right, Richard Golden, Susan Horton, and Todd Rogers. Richard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Golden, is serving in Missouri. Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Horton, Sr., is serving in Oklahoma with Indians. Todd, son of the pastor, Robert H. Rogers, and Mrs. Rogers, is serving in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Susan and Richard were appointed through the Home Mission Board. Todd was appointed through the State Baptist Student Union.

The church is also sending a youth team to work in resort missions for a week at Mt. Nebo State Park near Russellville, Ark.

## Homecomings

Macedonia, Hattiesburg, will observe homecoming June 29. Rayford Moore, who surrendered to the ministry at Macedonia will bring the morning message at 11 a.m. He is pastor of Big Creek church, Clara. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Dinner is at noon and at 1:30, a gospel singing will be held featuring "the Believers." "Seekers," and other special music by the church. Pastor is Gerald L. Aultman, Robert Bolling is minister of music.

## Olivet Will Celebrate Freedom

Olivet Church, 1201 Klein Road, Gulfport, will have a special "Freedom Celebration" day on June 29. There will be a high attendance emphasis for Sunday School; everyone has been encouraged to dress in old-fashioned clothing.

The pastor's message and song service will emphasize Christian freedom and its responsibilities. There will be "dinner on the grounds." At 2 p.m. singing will feature the Bible Tone Quartet and Olivet singing groups.

The public is invited. Larry G. Hill is pastor.

Owen Martin showed slides of a mission trip to Honduras, Sunday night, June 1, at Liberty Church, Pontotoc County.

## Missionary News

Paul and Brenda Lee, representatives to Spain, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Santa Lucia, Buzon, Denia (Alicante) Spain).

John and Fonce McFadden, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 94 Heatherwood, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401).

Fanny Starns, missionary to Thailand, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. Mildred S. Taylor, 9555 E. Coronado, Baton Rouge, La. 70815). Born in Hattiesburg, Miss., she lived in several communities, graduating from high school in Holden, La.

Jerry and Lynn Barrett, missionaries to Hong Kong-Macao, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 705-D Raleigh Ct., Birmingham, Ala. 35209). He is a native of Marshall, Texas. The former Lynn Madison, she was born in Winston-Salem, N.C., and grew up there, New Orleans, La.; Eastman, Ga.; and Clinton and Newton, Miss.

Hal and Lou Ann Lee, missionaries to France, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Les Cedres, 17 Voie de Wissous, 91300 Massy, France).

James and Zelma Foster (missionaries in Surinam, South America) are the grandparents of a grandson born on Zelma's birthday, May 29. He weighed 6 lbs. and 4 oz. He is the child of their son John and his wife, Nancy. John and Nancy have two other children, a son and daughter. This is the fourth grandchild for James and Zelma.

Jimmy and Joan Barrentine, missionaries to Paraguay, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 91, Encarnacion, Paraguay). They are natives of Mississippi.

Carroll and Cheryl Camp, missionaries to Uganda, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service. They may be addressed at Box 49899, Nairobi, Kenya. He is a native of Meridian, Miss.

William and Patricia Roberts missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 9530 Scenic Highway, Pensacola, Fla. 32504). He is a native of Trussville, Ala., and she is the former Patricia Barr of Cleveland, Miss.

John and Nell Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, may be addressed at Tromolpos 77/JKT, Pusat, Jakarta, Indonesia. They are natives of Brookhaven, Miss.; she is the former Nell Brock.

Ronald and Sue Ballard, missionaries to Paraguay, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: P.O. Box 3511, Meridian, Miss. 39301). Before they were appointed in 1976, he was pastor of Carrollton (Miss.) Baptist Church.

Rachel Dubard, missionary associate to Liberia, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 1, Box 87, Carrollton, Miss. 39817).

Margaret Fairburn, missionary to Liberia, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 4, Tylertown, Miss. 39667).

Karl and Peggy Wallace, missionaries to Peru, are the parents of a son Jacob Wesley born April 17. They may be addressed at Apartado 810, Trujillo, Peru. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Daniel Ellsworth Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee, missionaries to France, married Leonor Prather in Meadville, Miss., May 17. His parents may be addressed at Les Cedres, 17 Voie de Wissous, 91300 Massy, France.

Ernest and Barbara Beavers, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 150 Ellis Ave., Jackson, Miss. 39209). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Jackson and also lived in Union.

Wendell and Laqueta Powers, missionary associates to Taiwan, may be addressed at Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan, ROC. She was born near Bruce and also lived in Lula.

### Bible Puzzle

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- 2 Debate
- 3 Duplicitly
- 4 Sorcery
- 5 Two: abbr.
- 6 "shall descend from—" (1 Thes. 4)
- 7 Son of Aaron (Ex. 6:23)
- 8 Vow words
- 9 "bow at a—" (1 Kl. 22:34)
- 10 "behind—" (Isa. 60:17)
- 11 Day of the week: abbr.
- 12 Old cloth measure
- 17 Egyptian sun god
- 19 Man (1 Chron. 3:20)
- 22 Wheat species
- 23 Plural of roti
- 25 Profit
- 26 Of diminutive value: suffix
- 28 Where Moabites dwell (Deut. 2:29; pos.)
- 29 Fedora
- 30 Place (Mark 3:8)
- 31 Freedom
- 32 Fish
- 34 Military command: 3 words
- 37 Possessor
- 38 Home or silver
- 39 "lay down our—" (1 John 3:16)
- 40 Prophets
- 42 Tensile strength: abbr.
- 44 Curve
- 45 Some army men: abbr.
- 46 Work unit
- 47 Obtain
- 50 School subject: abbr.

### ACROSS

- 1 Sink
- 4 City (Josh. 18:24)
- 8 "—, and pay" (Psa. 78:11)
- 12 Given by the Father (John 6:32; 2 words)
- 14 Compass reading: abbr.
- 15 Nimble
- 16 "was — with goodly stones" (Luke 21)
- 18 Calm
- 19 Eggs
- 20 Lawyer: abbr.
- 21 Famous general
- 22 "queen of—" (1 Kl. 10)
- 24 Receptacle for ashes
- 25 Kind of sepulchre (Rom. 3:12)
- 27 Peep show
- 28 Firstborn (Judg. 12:13)
- 32 It was pure gold (Rev. 21:21)
- 33 Man (1 Chron. 4:36)
- 34 Exclamations
- 35 Small cask
- 36 Add up
- 38 Plates: abbr.
- 41 Was in session
- 43 Marry
- 44 "When he speaketh—" (John 8)
- 45 Prince of Persia (Esth. 1:14)
- 47 Burial place
- 48 Dog or cat
- 49 "no — of persons" (Acts 18)
- 51 Assert
- 52 Salute
- 53 Letter

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# Missionaries In Nicaragua Unaffected By Sandinista

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Almost two years have passed since the revolutionary takeover of Nicaragua by the Sandinista National Liberation Front and Southern Baptist missionary work has not been affected.

"We feel accepted, loved and wanted," said Southern Baptist missionary Stanley Stamps, Mississippian. "Glenna (his wife) and I have had more requests for workshops and services in recent weeks than at any other time since coming here."

Nicaragua was torn by internal conflicts for more than a year. After former President Anastasio Somoza fled the country, the Sandinista National Liberation Front took control. The new government appears to be inclined toward a moderate form of socialism according to observers in the country.

"Several officials have made public statements that there is freedom of re-

ligion and no restrictions placed on the exercise of religious services," Stamps said. "We have felt, however, some tendency toward materialism and more open expressions of atheism."

The Prentiss, Miss., native noted that Nicaragua is a very religious country and evidence of that religiosity abounds. Baptists thus far, he added, stand in a favorable light with the revolution. Several persons of Baptist background are in places of responsibility.

Stamps, religious literature coordinator for Nicaragua, commented on another success within his realm of work. The Baptist Culture Center, Managua, Nicaragua, has had a five-month long sales peak, averaging over \$6,000 a month in sales since January. The rise began in December when the sales figure reached \$5,621—the second highest month for Bible,

book and literature sales in the history of the literature distribution center.

In order to reach the center's goal of \$65,000 annual sales, the center will need to average \$5,000 a month for the rest of the year. Southern Baptist missionary Stamps said he feels this goal should be easily attained with the increased demand for Bibles and religious books.

Stamps calculates that 50 percent of the population cannot read and write. However, a national literacy crusade has mobilized students of 14 years and older in a massive war against illiteracy. "Think of the thousands of new readers this may produce for the Bible," he commented.

"In the meantime," Stamps said, "the Word of the Lord is being preached openly and boldly. I feel the climate for sowing the Word presently is good, but only pray the season will remain open and we will be able to witness a big harvest."

## Names In The News...



NATIVE MISSISSIPPIAN CHARLES TREADWAY (right) recently received the Career Professional Employee citation from Sunday School Board President GRADY C. COTHEN. Treadway, a pastoral ministries consultant who works primarily with deacon ministry in the board's church administration department, has served at the Sunday School Board for 28 years. He has worked in Vacation Bible School, Sunday School administration and deacon ministry work during his tenure. Treadway will retire July 31. The Career Professional Employee citation is given for proficiency, tenure and contributions to the board's work. Treadway is only the eighth employee to receive the award since its beginning in 1971.

Winford McInnis is now residing in Pittsboro, Calhoun Association, and is available for pulpit supply. He surrendered to preach in September, 1969 and was licensed by Pittsboro Baptist church and ordained by Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Newton Association.

He is a graduate of Clarke College and Williams Carey College, and has served churches in Scott, Jones, Grenada and Simpson counties as Pastor.

He is married to the former Amy Tapley of Pittsboro. They have two children, Kenneth, age 11 and Regina, age 10.

McInnis can be reached at: Rt. 1, Pittsboro, Miss., 38951, Phone, 983-2961.



Beulah Baptist Church, Myrtle, held Appreciation Day May 11, in honor of its pastor Kara Blackard and his family. This was the seventh anniversary of his pastorate there. The four Blackards are pictured here.

Patricia Dean, instructor of English at Clarke College, recently received an Ed. D. degree from East Texas State University in Commerce, Tex. She holds the Master's degree in linguistics and the Bachelor's degree in foreign languages from the University of Texas, Arlington. Her dissertation was entitled, "A Word Atlas of North Central Texas."

She has been employed by Clarke College since August, 1979. She is a member of Calvary Church, Newton, where she is church pianist. She lives in Newton with her husband, Charles, and three children.

Six Mississippi students are among the 110 college students who have been assigned by the Home Mission Board to participate in summer mission opportunities throughout California.

The students and their colleges are: Karen Anderson, Univ. of Southern Mississippi; Lisa Gilmore, Mississippi College; Eula Mosby, Mississippi Delta Jr. College; Midge Mullins, Southern Baptist College; Todd Rogers, East Central Junior College; Risa Webb, Mississippi College.

The Mississippi students have been assigned to a variety of ministry activities. These include leading weekly Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible Clubs. In addition, some students will work in specialized ministries. These will range from the resort ministries in Yosemite National Park and Lake Tahoe to inner-city missions to work with migrant farm workers.

Barry Corbett, pastor of Calvary Church, Smithdale, was among six students of New Orleans Seminary who participated in a recent mission project to Ithaca, N. Y., the home of Cornell University. The venture, jointly sponsored by the Baptist Convention of New York and New Orleans Seminary, culminated in the first meeting of a mission group hoped to become a strong Baptist witness in New York. The project involved survey work, preaching, teaching, and other ministries.

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## Just For The Record...



THE QUADRANGLE AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE has been designated as a Mississippi Statewide Arboretum following a presentation on campus recently by the president of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Edward McMillan (left), vice-president for graduate studies and special programs, accepts the certificate of dedication and the official plaque designating the quadrangle from Mrs. Warren I. Hammett (center), president of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., and from Mrs. Carl A. Dahlgren, president of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Other dignitaries on hand for the ceremonies are pictured in the background. (M.C. Photo by Mark Berryhill).



Trustees of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, signed a note on June 13, with Peoples Bank at Clinton, for \$700,000. The money is to be used toward payment for a multipurpose activities and education building. Anticipated cost of the structure is a little over a million dollars. Construction is now underway. Left to right are Ross Lamberson, an officer of the Peoples Bank; Ken Freeman, vice chairman of the Building Committee; and Jean White, John Walker, and Merton Williams, trustees. Kermit McGregor is pastor.



"God's Beautiful Bouquet" was the theme of the Acteens recognition service held at Bethel Church, Copiah county. Girls honored were: Karen White and Linda Smith, Queens-Regent-in-Servise; Tammy Gandy, Queen-with-a-Scepter; Robin Douglas and Rhonda Harvey, Queens. Mrs. Jeffie Windom and Faye Gandy are the Acteens leaders.



A GROUNDBREAKING service was held on the site of the new multi-purpose building of the IMMANUEL CHURCH, HATTIESBURG, March 16. After the landscape was cleared, construction began on May 12. The new building will be permanent fellowship hall and temporary auditorium; when used as auditorium, it seats 600. Since Immanuel has moved to its present location on Weathersby Road, near the new Methodist Hospital, it has had over 170 additions to its membership, and Sunday School enrollment is over 200. As this article is being written, the building is 30% completed. The grand opening will be in early August.

Olive Church, Lumberton had 166 enrolled in its Vacation Bible School June 2-11, with an average daily attendance of 135. There were 15 professions of faith. An offering of \$60 was given for the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Eliene Davis and the pastor, Dennis Allen, directed the school. A youth VBS is being held June 23-27.

Simpson Baptist Association had a "kick-off" meeting for their 1980-81 program Monday, June 16 at the Association Pavilion. 27 officers and families met for a picnic supper and to promote their program that had previously been planned. Each department's budget needs were determined by the programs that were presented.

W. J. Henderson is moderator and H. Glen Schilling is director of missions. Department directors include: Sunday School, Rickey Anderson; Church Training, Mrs. Pat Calder; Music, Gene Hubbard; W.M.U., Mrs. Caroline Street; Brotherhood, Hobart Brooks.

First Church, Holly Springs held a GA recognition service recently. Girls receiving awards were Amanda Bobb, Sheri Howell, Trina Smith, Kim Bumpas, Judy Burton, Stephanie Colston, Camille Shaw, Stephanie Todd, and Vicki Bennett. Mrs. Gordon Sigman is WMU director and Mrs. Robert Dent is GA director. GA leaders are Mrs. J. K. Hurdle, Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Benny Howell, Mrs. Pat Cox, and Mrs. Howard Carpenter.

Wheeler Grove Baptist Church in Kossuth has ordained Robert Marshall to the gospel ministry. He is a student at Blue Mountain College and is pastor of Van Fleet Baptist Church, Van Fleet. Marshall was married May 10 to Donna McCurdy of Forrest.

The Country Sonshines are a church group of singing children ages 6-12 at Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Walthall County. They sing under the direction of Mary Jane Stagner with Kathy Morris, pianist. They performed at the recent County Dairy Festival and gave a concert at the church. They were scheduled to perform at Centerville Baptist Church, June 22.

Crystal Springs, Walthall County reports 69 youths and children enrolled in VBS with 24 workers.

Katri Hudspeth (row one, left) of Tupelo has been elected delegate-at-large and Ernie Brunson (row two, center) of Jackson has been elected president of the 1980-81 student council at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. They are two of the six executive officers for the council. Miss Hudspeth, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Hudspeth of Tupelo, is a master of religious education student. Brunson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Brunson of Jackson, is a master of divinity student. With them are (row one, left to right) Carla Morris of Montezuma, Ga.; Cathy Bowen of Richmond, Va.; (row two) Dickie Davis of Athens, Ga.; and Walt Clayton of Jacksonville, Fla.

Suzanne Lewis has surrendered for full-time Christian service. She has had training and experience as pianist, soloist, and as speaker. An active member of Clear Branch Baptist Church, Lincoln County, "She is available for any of these fields of service," states Walter Sisco, pastor of the Clear Branch Baptist Church, Lincoln County, where

Miss Lewis is an active member. She can be reached at Rt. 2, Wesson, Miss. 39191 (phone 833-8500).

Midge Mullins, daughter of Mrs. Belle Mullins and the late W. P. Mullins of Mantachie, will serve as student summer missionary in San Diego, Calif. at an association youth camp. Last summer she was recreation director at the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home.

She is a member of Lakeland Church near Mantachie. Recently she was graduated from Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge, Ark. with an Associate of Arts degree in church recreation. She plans to enter Blue Mountain College this fall. At Southern Baptist College she was chosen Outstanding Southernette of the Year.

## Staff Changes

Parkway, Jackson, has welcomed Gary Phillips as new minister to youth. He was born in Ruleville, attended Mississippi State, and was graduated from Mississippi College. He moved to Parkway from Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale, where he has served for four years. He and his wife Debbie and daughter, Jessica Renee, were honored with a reception on Sunday evening, June 15.

Randy C. Kelley has been called as minister of music and youth at Carmel Baptist Church in Meridian, Miss. He received a bachelor of ministry degree in church music from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. in May, 1980. While attending BBI, he served at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Ozark, Al.

His wife is the former Sherry Parker, a native of Andalusia, Al. Kelley is a native of the Rose Hill Community in Dozier, Al. He and his wife have three children, Jason, Scotty and Julie Ann.

Gay Bass has resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church Sledge and as director of missions for Quitman County Association. He will leave July 1 to finish requirements for a bachelor of science degree in the Little Rock/Conway, Ark., area.

Cruger Church at Cruger has called Richard (Rick) T. Alford as pastor. From August, 1979 to May, 1980, he was assistant BSU director intern at Mississippi College.

Alford, born at Biloxi, was graduated from Clarke College, Williams Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Sylvia Michele Grant of Milton, Fla. Previously he served two churches as assistant pastor and youth director—State Boulevard, Meridian, and First Church, Glendale, Hattiesburg.

Misfortunes always come in by a door that has been left open for them.  
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# Grand Canyon Retires Coach After Championship Drive

By Leonard Hill

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Grand Canyon baseball team that missed the 1979 NAIA Baseball World Series, stole the show in 1980, and won the national championship.

For coach Dave Brazell, the sweet aroma of victory had a bitter aftertaste when school officials announced after the final come-from-behind victory that he would no longer be coach of the Antelopes.

The Grand Canyon team, rated the number one NAIA team in the nation last year, was forced to sit out the 1979 national playoffs after a wire service picture appeared in newspapers across the country showing players pouring champagne over one another after winning the Area 2 title in their home city, Phoenix.

President Bill R. Williams of the Arizona Baptist Convention-owned college withdrew the team from further competition for violating the school's ban against the possession of alcoholic beverages on campus.

Following last year's champagne incident, Brazell's role as athletic director was assumed by Bill Estes who was named athletic administrator this year, on the day the Antelopes returned to Phoenix. Estes released a statement indicating that a letter of resignation submitted by Brazell last December had been unanimously accepted by the school's board of trustees during their March meeting, with the understanding no announcement would be made until after the baseball season.

The announcement also indicated Brazell, who has a doctorate, will continue as head of the department of health and physical education. School officials also indicated that Mrs. Brazell, who also has a doctor's degree, would continue teaching at the college.

Brazell told his players and reporters that his retirement was not voluntary. "They (Grand Canyon administrators) wanted me to step down. I told them I wanted to continue. . . I am not retiring. They are retiring me," he said.

With all the turmoil, and with many players threatening to transfer, many wondered if Brazell would even be able to field a team this year. But tempers cooled, and the low-keyed coach, who'd been at Grand Canyon since the college started 20 years ago, gathered his players as school began last fall and told them to forget the past and to set new goals.

One goal was a national champion-

ship. Few thought the Antelopes had any hope for success. Brazell, one of only four baseball coaches to ever win more than 700 games, faced serious problems in addition to the well-publicized champagne incident and conflicts with the administration.

The team was missing four of the five starting pitchers from the 1979 team, along with three others who graduated. And there was the problem of deciding what to do about an infielder who had been a disruptive influence the year before.

"I really didn't want the boy back on the team," Brazell confided. "His moodiness and temper had a disruptive effect on his teammates, and on one occasion I'd even had to suspend him a week for a minor infraction. But he called me up before school began last fall and asked to be given another chance."

Brazell gives God credit for what happened after that. So does the player in question, senior third baseman Brian Anderson. Last fall Brian made a commitment to Christ, and his life changed dramatically.

Instead of disrupter and spoiler, he became a team leader, scoring the winning run in the tenth inning of the final tournament game, and winning the coveted Berry Hustle Award.

After the game's, the smiling but weary player praised God for the change in his life. "I actually became a Christian about five years ago," he said, "but within a few months I was rebelling against God in everything."

But when trying to go against God proved as fruitless as running the bases in the wrong direction, Brian rededicated his life to Christ. "After that, everything really changed for the better," he said.

Influencing Brian's turnaround was the battle a teammate was waging, a battle much bigger than the drive for the national championship. Pitcher Jeff Flechtner was fighting just to stay alive after the discovery of cancer during a routine physical examination in the fall of 1979.

The 6-2, 215-pounder, who got credit for Grand Canyon's fourth win in the tournament, was forced to skip last season and return home for medical treatment. After three operations and the loss of 40 pounds, Flechtner is winning both off the field as well as on, thanks to continuing chemotherapy.

His treatments — during which chemicals are flushed through his system 24 hours a day for three or four

days at a time every three weeks — are scheduled to end in September. He skipped his last scheduled chemotherapy session because "I always feel bad for a few days after the treatments and there was no way I was going to be too sick to pitch in this tournament."

Last year, while Flechtner was back in his home in Fargo, N. D., not a game went by without his teammates mentioning him by name in their pre-game prayer. "Those prayer petitions didn't go unnoticed by Brian, who was a close friend of Flechtner's," said Brazell, "and the prayers had an effect on others on the team, too."

During the World Series, Grand Canyon became the sentimental favorite. But while the players and coach refused to dwell on last year's champagne incident, it was often a subject in the media.

One sports writer went so far as to humorously suggest that baseball park employees, delivering after-game pizzas and beer to the umpires' locker room, were instructed to veer wide while passing the Antelope's dugout.

After the final game, Anderson admitted that the players couldn't put last year completely out of their minds. "But last year was over. We had to look ahead," he said.

Jim Gerlach the one returning pitcher from last year and winner of the most valuable player award in the tournament, said, "It's been a long year to wait. But it was worth it. We dedicated ourselves to win the national title. And we did. I'm glad I was still here to have a part in it."

After his team won the championship, Brazell, who was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1974 and was named NAIA Baseball Coach of the Year in 1979, told a reporter who marveled at his calmness, "I may not look happy on the outside, but it's got to be my biggest thrill." One reason for his subdued elation had to be the knowledge of his impending retirement.

At a midnight steak supper, as tired players and fans celebrated with plenty of milk, Pepsi, and coffee, Brazell's speech was short and to the point. He told his players, "You are champions. Never forget it. And never forget to thank God for his help."

The players performed one other ritual that night, entirely in keeping with Baptist tradition. Taking advantage of a nearby motel swimming pool, they celebrated by throwing jubilant players and fans into the water.

## Pike Baptists Will Build In California

Pike County Baptists have accepted the challenge of a California mission work project with Westhaven Baptist Church in Trinidad, Calif. on July 19-26 and August 2-9.

The project is to send a team of 12 persons each of these weeks to construct additional education space. Participants will provide their own travel expense from McComb and return, with the Westhaven Church providing meals and lodging while there. The work crew will do carpenter, electrical, sheet rock, roofing and other necessary work to complete the project.

Pike County Baptists will raise \$3,000 in cash to assist the church with the purchase of building materials.

This will be the first such project undertaken by Pike Association. With the exception of two persons, the two work teams are complete and the churches are in the midst of fund raising on the materials goal. The project is a part of Bold Mission Thrust.

Glen T. Williams, director of missions in the association, reports a real spirit of enthusiasm for the project.

## Bible Drills Add Spice At Union

Bible Sword Drills during Sunday School contributed to a "big day" on a recent Sunday at Union Church, Kemper County. Three classes took part in the drill; a record crowd of 23 showed up for Sunday School.

Two sword drill teams were appointed. The captains were Randall Ivy and Angie Hurt. "The Believers" wore badges shaped like crosses. "Fishers of Men" wore fish-shaped badges.

The losing team served a "carry-in" dinner on the grounds, and cleaned up after the meal.

Seventy-two were present for the morning worship service, according to J. Terry Plummer, pastor.

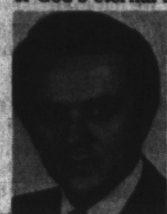
Montevideo, Uruguay — Baptists in Uruguay have begun work in the last of the country's 19 departments or counties. After two weeks of nightly tent meetings and daily witnessing and visiting in Rocha — the last department entered — 30 persons made decisions.

## Devotional

### The Lesson Of God's Eternal Nature

By John G. Brock, Pastor Van Winkle, Jackson

Last week we learned the lesson of the joy that is in Jesus. There is another lesson we need to learn and make application of before it is too late. It is the lesson of God's eternal nature. Notice four characteristics of his nature:



**God is still in control.** God was in control at creation when He put to motion the wheels of time and matter (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16; Gen. 1:1). God is in control over creation now as He controls the forces of our universe. He is in control over life and death (John 11:25). He is also in control over man. Nothing man does is a surprise to God because He knows exactly what is happening and what will be happening. The beautiful part about God's control is that He knows and is in control of the future.

**God's Word is Truth.** The nature of God is described in the Bible. It is His Word, Holy, inspired by His Holy Spirit. Many use the old expression, "God said it, I believe it, and that settles it." Let me remind you that "God said it, and that settles it, whether you believe it or not!" We are to follow the psalmist's admonition when he said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

**God's Love is Forever.** He proved it in His creation. He is expressing it in His care and concern (Matt. 6:28, II Peter 3:9). Christ fulfilled God's love on the cross and will bring it to a climax at His second coming (I John 4:9-10, John 14:1-6).

**God's Will is Right.** God never makes a mistake. He never contradicts Himself. This is clearly seen in Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22:1-19 and Hebrews 11:17-19. Abraham lived so close by faith in God's will, he knew that even though Isaac would die in the sacrifice, God would raise him up even if it were from ashes. He believed in the promises of God.

Our attitude and action in life ought to be one of surrender to Him who is in control, whose word is all truth, whose love is forever, and whose will for your life is best and right.



### Flooded With Washcloths

Doris Hudson didn't know how deep the flood would be when tourists asked what was needed at Southern Baptist Hospital, Aljoun, Jordan. The special project nurse told the visitors she needed "some plain, cheap washcloths" to use in bathing the children. Washcloths have come from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. More than 700 of them. They've come in packs of from one to a dozen. (FMB photo by Alta Lee Lovegren)

## Life and Work Lesson

### Christian Stance Toward

#### Life And Death

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor First, Benton, Ark.

Hebrews 2:14, 15;

II Cor. 4:16-18

Life and death are two great issues of the living. The fear of death often distorts life, and makes life a sort of misery existence rather than security, joy, and happiness. Sin and separation from God bring about this distortion of life. Thus, a right understanding of life and death as presented in Scripture can remove their distortion in life.

**I. Delivered From Death and The Fear of Death (Heb. 2:14, 15)**

Christ took upon himself flesh and blood for three reasons stated in these verses. First, he took the form of a man in order to die. As God, he could not die; but living in a body of flesh and blood, he could and did die. Secondly, he died to put death to death. This he did by taking away the power of death from the devil. Death is the devil's realm, because he is the author of sin. Jesus' death in a human body did not end it all; he arose from the dead. And thirdly, he died to free us from the fear of death. The ancients saw death as final. Jesus came to say as I have conquered death, so can you. He pictured death by deed and word as another experience in living for the believer.

**II. The Paradox of Life: Waiting and Being Renewed (II Cor. 4:16-18)**

If only in this life we have hope, then we, too, are of all men most miserable. Paul stated. However, as the physical ages and prepares for death, the spiritual is growing and developing life spiritually for eternity. The inward and outward man refers to the higher and lower natures of man, the spirit and the flesh. The decay of the bodily organism is set over against the growth of grace in the Spirit.

However, the facts of trials and troubles in life are always present. Aging and decay of the physical body are realities in life. Youth and beauty are lost with age; also strength and health often go with age. Many watch their parents become invalid and/or senile. These facts remind all that we are creatures of decay and death.

But the vision of faith must carry us before the afflictions of this life. Faith enables one to see the invisible, the et-

ernal, that which is to come to the believer.

Verse 17 indicates that when the believer gets to heaven and views earth's trials and sorrows, these will be seen as light afflictions. It has been said that this verse is an application of Romans 8:28.

Verse 18, "to look at," is here to fasten the gaze on that which one has made the object of life. The Christian's purpose is contained within the unseen things, not the visible things of life; therefore, the troubles here encountered are rewarded with the eternal weight of glory.

For us and for such as are like us, this weight of glory is being worked out by affliction; for others who regard only the seen things, such a thing could not be possible. Ordinary eyes and unenlightened minds cannot see them and, hence, never regard them; and when they are told about them imagine them to be folly, but this is not so for the believer.

**III. Contrast of Our Earthly and Heavenly Homes (II Cor. 5:1-4)**

Mortal man is pictured here as living in a tent. This points out that earthly life, home, is temporary. But the writer goes on to say that if this earthly tent be folded, believers have another home waiting for them. While in the flesh, we suffer and yearn for the perfection that is to be. Evidently, Paul was speaking of the "heavenly body" that awaits us.

The fact that we desire, groan for a heavenly home is testimony for its existence. The old earthly life and made of existence are taken down and folded away like a tent; the new heavenly body and existence are put on like a glory garment. The contrast here is a fisherman's linen blouse or upper garment to that of a glorified spiritual body like Christ's.

The transition from one body to the other will not find us naked. We shall be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. In this transition only the mortal perishes. The personality, consisting of soul and glorified body survives. Simply the mortal body shall be swallowed up by the immortal. The groaning for this transition is not a longing to escape, but rather a desire to attain

that which is seen by faith.

The pledge of this transition is given at conversion by "an earnest of the Spirit." This is a down payment and a guarantee from God that the fullness shall come in the future. In walking by faith we have confidence and assurance that we belong to the Lord whether we die or live.

**IV. New Courage To Live By Faith and Hope (II Cor. 5:6-10)**

The apostle has shown in the preceding part of the paragraph how he shrinks from death as leaving his spirit without a house; but now, in view of the courage which the hope of the resurrection impacts, and of the fact that absence from the body means presence of the Lord, he says that he even prefers death. Therefore, in light of these facts, the thought of approaching nearer and nearer to the Lord and soon facing him face to face, makes us ashamed to do anything that is displeasing to him; and these facts spear us on to do everything that is well-pleasing to him.

In verse 10, we see the judging of Christian lives for rewards. It is a profitable thing both in this life and the life to come to live by faith. The believer's sins are covered by the blood of Christ. However, he shall be judged as to what he has done with this new blood bought life. The rewards of the believer will be determined by his life as a Christian.

The word "receive" here is the one used specially of receiving what belongs to us, and particularly the rewards of our deeds. To receive, the deeds is of course to receive their rewards. We get back our deeds in their consequences.

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## Bible Book Series

### The Challenge Of The Future

By J. Roy McComb Pastor, First, Columbia

Deuteronomy 31:1-34:12

Israel's hope in the future was based upon her obedience to God. Moses was keenly aware of this fact. He sought in his closing remarks to Israel to impress upon them this truth.

**I. Moses Prepares To Conclude His Leadership (31:1-29)**

The days of Moses are numbered. Shortly, he must sleep with his fathers. God has made known to this great leader, Moses, that his time of leadership is closing. These verses are intended to prepare Israel for the departure of Moses and for the assumption of leadership by Joshua. Moses reminds the people of several things:

**1. He Reassures Them of God's Presence (31:1-4)**

Moses was aware that there would be times when Israel would wonder about their God. It would be their problem in the sense that God is never absent, but our sins cause us to question the presence of God. So, Moses spends time to assure the children of Israel of the presence of God. The departure of Moses as their leader in no way affects the presence of God with them. Moses knew his people. He knew that with his departure they might assume that God was no longer with them. Moses had been the representative of God among His people. God had spoken to Moses and Moses had spoken to Israel. God had directed Moses and Moses had directed Israel. Now, with the departure of Moses, Israel could easily be frustrated and fragmented. Although God does work through his shepherds, nevertheless, when a shepherd leaves that does not mean that God is no longer with his children. Also, obviously, no one is completely indispensable. When one leader departs God raises up another to take his place.

Moses was very wise in that he summoned Joshua in the sight of Israel and spoke to Israel concerning Joshua's role as their leader. A departing leader can do a great deal of harm or help to his successor. A departing leader can be an instrument in the hands of the Lord or an instrument in the hands of Satan. Every church leader must be aware of his or her responsibility as they give up a particular leadership role among the people of God.

**2. Reading of the Law (31:9-13)**

Moses gave the law to the priests and

instructed that they should put it with the ark of the covenant. At the end of every seven years, at the time of the feast of booths, the priests were to take the law and read it in the hearing of God's people as well as the strangers who might be living among Israel at that time. Moses was aware of the continual need of the people of God to hear the word of God. Moses was conscious of the need for God's people to renew their vows with God. In our day we too might learn a lesson for Moses' instructions. The Christians of this day would do well to occasionally renew their vows with our Saviour, Jesus.

**3. Joshua Commissioned by the Lord (31:14-23)**

As the time drew near for Moses to die, God called Moses and Joshua to the tent of meeting. It was here that God appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud and the pillar of cloud stood by the door of the tent. The Lord spoke to Moses reminding him that his time to die was very soon. Death for the believer should not cast fear into our hearts.

In the meeting between Moses, Joshua, and the Lord, the Lord spoke to them concerning the rebelliousness and the disobedience that would characterize Israel. God gave Moses a song that he was to teach to the children of Israel in relationship to God's instructions that Israel would be a rebellious people. This song appears in Chapter 32.

God then actually commissioned Joshua. Then He instructed Moses to write the words of the law in a book and then put the book in the ark of the covenant.

**II. The Song Of Testimony (31:30-32:47)**

These verses comprise the song that God gave to Moses to sing in the presence of Israel. The song does not need to be dealt with in detail. A reading of it would indicate quickly two major thrusts: (1) the blessings of Israel when they obey God, (2) the curses against Israel when they disobey God. This is a reoccurring theme in Deuteronomy. The relationship between victory and obedience and defeat and disobedience is clearly indicated in the Book of Deuteronomy. Moses concludes this song by reminding Israel in Verse 46 that the law is so very significant. In Verse 47 Moses reminds Israel that they should not trifle with

the law. "Because," says he, "It is your life."

The Lord reminds Moses that he cannot enter the promised land because of his personal disobedience. God will allow him to now go to the top of the mountain and get one last look at the promised land before he goes to sleep to meet his people. Again, one is reminded of the sad tragedy of disobeying God.

**III. The Song Of Blessing On The Tribes Of Israel (33:1-29)**

This chapter is a song of blessing from Moses upon the various tribes of Israel. The blessings of Moses follow the pattern of the father blessing the sons before he dies. One is reminded of Isaac's blessings upon Jacob and Esau. The song first exhorts God and then turns to blessing the children of Israel. Obviously, the blessings were from God. Therefore, God was to be remembered first. Moses glorified God and then gave blessings to the children of Israel. The song ends with exaltation of God and then in Verse 26 the conclusion is an exaltation of God.

**IV. Joshua Takes Command (34:1-12)**

Chapter 34 gives the event of the death of Moses. Moses is instructed to go to the town of Pisgah which is opposite Jericho. The Lord showed him all the land then the Lord said, "This is the land which I have promised to give, but you will not be able to cross over." Then Moses died and the Lord Himself buried Moses in the valley of the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor.

The burial place of Moses is unknown. It seems to me that this says something to us about leaders who have passed on. We certainly should respect the memory of leaders gone on. However, one must turn to living leaders just as God does to Joshua. The burial grounds of leaders should not become a place of worship. Even today some congregations are unable to overcome the memory of a leader gone on to glory. The children of Israel mourned Moses for thirty days. This was an appropriate amount of time.

It was time now for them to leave Moses and follow Joshua. Joshua assumes the responsibility of the leadership of Israel. Moses was a great leader. He had done many wonderful works of God. Joshua was a man of great strength of moral character, as well as being versed in the wisdom of his day. Now the children of Israel were to follow Joshua.